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RAF Harriers on 48-hour Gulf alert

# Clinton piles the pressure on Saddam

By IAN BRODIE, CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MICHAEL BINYON AND MICHAEL EVANS

RAF Harrier crews were put on 48-hour Gulf alert yesterday as President Clinton ordered a second carrier battle group to the region to increase sure on President Saddam Hussein

Mr Clinton said the dis-patch of the USS George Washington to join the USS Nimitz was the right response to the crisis provoked by Saddam in expelling from Baghdad the six American members of a United Nations weapons inspection team.

The real issue, Mr Clinton said, was to stop Saddam from reconstituting his weapons of mass destruction: This is not a replay of the Gulf War, this is about the security of the 21st Century." He added that Saddam's actions had ensured that sanctions against his country would remain "until the end of time or the end of his regime".

USS George Washington will arrive in the Gulf in a of American carrier-based planes in the region to 100 combat and 50 support aircraft.

They could soon be boosted by HMS Invincible, which is sailing from the Caribbean to Gibraltar, where it will pick up six RAF Harrier GR7 ground attack aircraft next Wednesday. John Reid, the Armed Forces Minister, told the Commons: "The British Government is determined to stand firm against Saddam Hussein."

Israel, too, warned Iraq yesterday that it would respond to any aggression and the Tel Aviv newspaper Magriv reported that any chemical or biological attack. on Israel could lead to the dropping of at least one neutron bomb.

The neutron bomb, an enhanced radiation nuclear weapon, was known in the 1970s as a "clean" bomb because of its ability to kill troops on the battlefield with out destroying neighbouring cities from blast waves.

The warning to Iraq was said to have been delivered this week by the cabinet minister Ariel Sharon through Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan. Yesterday, however, neither Madeleine Albright nor Binyamin Netanyahu would discuss the possibility of military action against Iraq.
The US Secretary of State

the istaeli Ptime Min had discussed the crisis in London, and Mrs Albright also met Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, in Edinburgh. She hoped that diplomacy, combined with a "robust military presence in the Gulf", would persuade Iraq to allow UN arms inspectors to operate freely on its soil. We are convinced this is the best way to convince Saddam Hussein to reverse course," she said.

Mr Netanyahu said the whole world was concerned with what was happening in fraq and he supported American efforts to find a suitable end to Iraqi infractions. "We live in a tough neighbourhood," he said.

But in Baghdad, Muham-mad Saced al-Sahaf, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, called on the UN Security Council to stop reiterating American rhetoric" and start serious dialogue to resolve the weapons monitoring dispute.

Asked how close irsq was to

a military confrontation with the US, he said: "How near (are) the Americans and their stooges, the British, from launching an aggression against Iraq? Well, any moment. This would not surprise us at all."

The American Administration was certainly busy trying to win international support. Mr Clinton made several calls to foreign leaders and met was in the US for a check-up after prostate surgery.

If America wants a pretext for military action, it could come tomorrow when an American U2 spy plane is due to fly over Iraq. Washington has said that any attack on a U2 would be viewed as an act

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#### **RUC warns** ceasefire is under threat

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

THE Royal Ulster Constabulary Special Branch has given a warning that IRA rebels opposed to the peace process could break the ceasefire.

A memorandum sent to police commanders across Northern Ireland advised: "It's possible that dissident elements of the Provisional IRA may not feel constrained by the current ceasefire. Local commanders should be aware of this situation and take it nto consideration as part of the overall threat."

RUC sources said that the memorandum was a prudent precaution but confirmed the seriousness with which the security forces regard the recent resignations of the IRA's quartermaster general, who controlled its arms dumps. and several other key men.

. The IRA issued a statement on Thursday denying reports of major splits and insisting the movement remained "intact, united and committed". Sinn Fein emphasises that the ceasefire is stable.

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## Brown to cut income tax starting rate to 10p in his next Budget

By Nicholas Wood

PLANS for a new starting rate of income tax of 10p will be announced by Gordon Brown in 10 days. The proposal, likely to cost the Treasury £2.5 billion, will form the most eyecatching feature of the Chancellor's pre-Budget report on November 25.

Barring unforeseen economic troubles, it will be confirmed in March when Mr Brown unveils his next Budget. It would then come into effect in April in the new

financial year.

The Chancellor wants a new, reduced starting rate of income tax to benefit the low paid. He also sees a 10p initial rate as critical to the success of his welfare into work pro-gramme for the young jobless and the long-term unemwhich is to be

launched early in the new year, backed by £3.5 billion from the windfall tax. He believes it would give the jobless a real incentive to

move off the dole.

A 10p starting rate would be Britain's lowest since an 8.75p rate in the early 1960s. But it would be prohibitively expersive if Mr Brown were to apply it to the slice of income presently covered by the 20p starting rate. The Inland Revenue estimates the loss to the Exchquer would be in the region of £10 billion. The Chancellor is expected to go

for a phased introduction. Labour has made no secret of its plans to slash the starting rate of income tax. But it has been cautious about the timing. In its election manifesto, it spoke of a 100 rate as a "long-term objective". In his July Budget, Mr Brown said he would make the change when it was "prudent to do so". But he has since become more bullish, saying

the goal was in sight. But The Times has learnt that with the economy running well and tax revenues buoyant, Mr Brown is intent on confounding sceptical Tories and pressing ahead with

his reform. His pre-Budget report, on which he will consult before announcing final proposals, will give the strongest hint yet that he is on track. It will be

entitled a "Fairer Tax System". At present, for a single person, the first £4,045 of income is tax free. The next £4,100 is taxed at 20p and the subsequent £26,100 attracts tax at 23p. Above £34,245, the top rate of 40p applies. The Treasury is believed to

be studying two ways of

way would be to levy tax at 10p on the first slice of taxable income, probably £1,000, while retaining the 20p rate for the next £3,100. Alternatively, a 10p rate could replace the 20p rate but for a smaller income hand of £1,500.

costing about £2.5 billion. One

Mr Brown is planning other tax changes intended to help the low paid. He is believed to studying plans for an end to the independent taxation of men and women as part of changes aimed at making it more feasible to tax child benefit and to introduce a tax credit for low-earning families. He also believes that a national minimum wage will assist the attack on poverty.

Other changes - involving equal treatment of all forms of taxes on savings - are being

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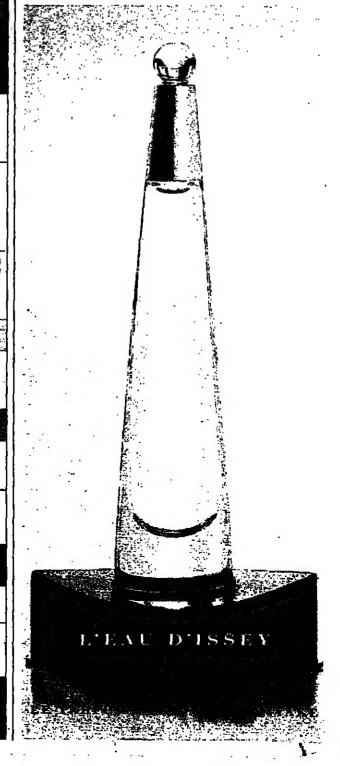
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# Funeral smokescreen for 'quitter' Jowell



BY JOANNA BALE

PERHAPS it was the thought of sitting under a banner saying Quitter of the Year that spurred Tessa Jowell to pull out of an awards ceremony at the last minute.

Perhaps the spin-doctors, alarmed by the prospect of the minister at the heart of the Government's tobacco sponsorship U-turn handing out prizes for an anti-smoking charity, ordered her to withdraw. We shall probably never

know. But the evening before yesterday's ceremony, the Public Health Minister office rang the Quitline charity to say she could not attend

because of a mysterious pressing, personal engagement. No further explanation was given and a replacement in the form of Brookside actress Lesley Nightingale was found.

Yesterday it emerged that she had gone to the funeral of Shirley Rees, a former secre-tary of her Dulwich constituency who died last week. But this did not satisfy some sceptics convinced that she was making excuses to avoid flak over the decision to exempt Formula One motor racing from a proposed tobac-

co advertising ban. Clive Bates, director of ASH - Action on Smoking and Health - who attended the awards at the Langham

Hotel, said: "A funeral still does not explain why she cancelled at such short notice. You usually get a few days' notice of funerals, but she cancelled the night before."

Others at the awards said it was "too much of a coincidence" that Ms Jowell cancelled her appearance after publication on Thursday of fresh evidence linking motor sport and smoking. Karen Griffiths, who won

the award, said: "I am thrilled at winning but a little disappointed about not receiving my award from a government minister. It would have been a nice gesture for Ms Jowell to have come along despite all the controversy.'

# HE TIMES Hague says Blair must come clean



It shows graphic scenes of lesbian sex, drug taking and violence'

The Prodigy's shocking new video PAGE 8



'From the age of 15 I delivered beer to the pubs and clubs of Rotherham'

> William Hague on his schooldays. PAGE 19



The doctor sucks out the water. replaces it with silicone, creating a flexible, dry, odourless corpse'

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WILLIAM HAGUE last night told Tony Blair to come clean about his meeting in October with Bernie Ecclesione after Labour admitted that it had approached the Formula One boss for fresh donations after the general election.

The Tory leader demanded publication of the minutes of the meeting between Mr Blair and Mr Ecclestone on October 16, as the Prime Minister ended his worst week since the election by defiantly declaring that his decision to exempt Formula One from the tobacco sponsorship ban had been right.

Mr Hague accused Mr Blair of not giving a properly frank and open nesday and added that the truth was being dragged out day by day, "The Prime Minister should now publish the minutes of the meeting that he had with Formula One. It beggars donations from motor racing boss, reports Philip Webster

belief that the Prime Minister would have such an obviously sensitive meeting without wishing to have a

proper record of the discussions." The Government's latest difficulty came after an interview by Mr Ecclestone in which he denied offering a second donation - apparently contradicting Labour's letter to the public standards watchdog saying that he had.

In fact, it emerged that Labour's fundraisers had approached Mr Ecclestone and other leading preelection donors after May I with a view to trying to secure more money. "They were doing the job for which they are being paid," Labour sources said yesterday. Even so, ministers

wondered whether it was wise even to have been thinking of getting further donations at a time when the tobacco policy was under review.

Labour finds itself under siege as accusations grow over disputed

In the course of those discussions they learnt from Mr Ecclestone's staff that he was prepared to give more money, a point that has been confirmed by sources close to the Formula One boss,

However, no sum was agreed and Mr Ecclestone personally made no offer. At some point during the discussions the Labour fundraisers made plain that they could not take another donation from Mr Ecclestone because of the pending and sensitive decision on tobacco sponsorship. Labour sought guidance from

Sir Patrick Neill, chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, as to whether that was a position it should maintain when it wrote to him last Friday.

An air of siege remained over the Government last night, with various television and radio programmes stating that it had not taken up their. invitations to put up spokesmen to discuss the issue.

Senior ministers were privately exasperated that the controversy had refused to die, and regretted that Mr Blair's staff had not warned him against the meeting with Mr Ecclestone.

The former chancelior Kenneth Clarke, who is waiting to take up a

post as non-executive deputy chairman of British American Tobacco. told BBC Radio 4's Today programme that when the Prime Minister met Formula One chiefs in Downing Street last month he might have been genuinely persuaded by

their arguments.
It is inescapable that the only reason they got through the front door of No 10, and the only reason they were given a personal audience with the Prime Minister to tell him they would like him to overrule his Government, was because Mr Ecclestone had given a very large amount of money," he said.

Downing Street said that no formal minute had been taken of Mr Blair's meeting with Mr Ecclestone and Max Mosley, president of Formula One's ruling body.

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# Sport network wins £160m from lottery

By Nicholas Watt, political correspondent

PLANS for a national sports academy received a massive boost yesterday as the Government announced that it was increasing its lottery funding from £100 million to

Chris Smith, the Culture. Media and Sport Secretary. hailed the move as an "historic opportunity" for British sport as he unveiled revamped plans for the academy which will include at least 12 regional centres of excellence.

Training and sports medical centres will be set up throughout the United Kingdom, with eight in England, several in Scotland and one each in Wales and Northern Ireland. The network will receive up to £100 million a year.

The site of the headquarters of the academy, which is to be named the United Kingdom Sports Institute, will be in Sheffield, the East Midlands or Oxfordshire. A decision will be made by the end of the year. Mr Smith said the headquarters, which wil receive up to £60 million a year, would offer first-class facilities for a range of Olympic sports such as athletics, road cycling, judo, swimming, tennis and triath-

administrative headquarters in London.

Mr Smith said: "These proposals offer an historic opportunity to equip our very best sportsmen and women with access to the most modern facilities and technical backup essential to compete - and win — at the highest levels. Future generations of medal winners will acknowledge their debt to the decisions we have announced today."

The institute will also provide coaching, medical and nutritional facilities for team sports such as football, cricket and rugby league. This came as a relief to team sports, which had feared that they would be would be excluded from the academy.

In an interview with BBC Radio 4's The World at One, Mr Smith said that cricket and football had presented proposals for separate insti-tutes that would cater for their particular needs. The Culture Secretary added: "As far as coaching and training facilities go, they want to put together something that is focused very much on their own needs. We strongly sup-port that and want that to be



London firemen, who fear station closures, protesting outside the Department of Environment yesterday

### Firemen warn of strike action over cuts

Hundreds of firefighters yesterday lobbied the Department of the Environment as part of a campaign against spending cuts. The Fire Brigades Union called for enough funding to London. The union has given warning that it will hold a ballot for industrial action if the cuts go ahead. . Mick Shaw, a member of the union's executive council, said: "If London's

Minimum

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BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

UNION leaders yesterday

told Peter Mandelson to stop

interfering in preparations for

a national minimum wage.

They attacked suggestions at-

tributed to the Minister with-

would have enough flexibility after the new statutory mini-mum was introduced to "re-

ine" policy in the light of

The difficulty appears to have arisen when Margaret Beckett, President of the Board

of Trade, misinterpreted Mr Mandelson's call for flexibility

as "not ruling out exemp-

Hector MacKenzie, asso-

ciate general secretary of Uni-

son, said: "Any suggestion of

make a mockery of the statu-

tory minimum wage. The Low

Pay Commission should be

allowed to get on with its work

without interference from

ministers without portfolio."

brought on to the capital's streets, the Government will have to address the issue of fire service underfunding." The union wants a meeting with John Prescott, the Environment Secretary.

# Gypsies told to stay indoors

CZECH and Slovak Gypsies have been told to stay off the

out Portfolio of widescale exemptions according to region or size of company.

Mr Mandelson took the
unusual step of making clear
publicly that he had never argued for exemptions from the new wage on the basis of region, sector or size of firm. He said, however, that he had raised with colleagues expected to attend. whether the Government

A group of about 50 Czechs

Gypsies of being scroungers. The leafler, which has also been pushed through doors,

shows a picture of asylum seekers collecting benefit. The sentiment, if not the presence of the National Front, has gained some support in Dover, where sections of the 30,000 population feel that the town is unfairly having to bear the brunt of the invasion from Eastern Europe. Petitions have circulated against the asylum-seekers and parents have threatened to withdraw pupils from schools rather than see them share classes with Gypsy

An elderly woman translator working for Kent Social Services was verbally abused and, it was claimed, one shopkeeper posted a No Sloweekend until threatened with legal action.

"Feeling has grown against them recently." Annie Ledger of the Migrants' Helpline said. They are being sworn at as they walk past pubs." She said they were afraid of the National Front because it was the sort of opposition they were trying to escape. "Most have had unpleasant experiences with what they call skin-

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Lecturer awarded £44,000 over bias

The University of Manchester was ordered to pay £44,880 to one of its lecturers after it was found guilty of racial discrimina-tion by an industrial tribunal in Birmingham. Asif Qureshi, an expert in international law, com-plained that he had been passed over for promotion in favour of a junior white colleague. Since the hear-ing, the law department has agreed to make him senior lecturer with pay backdated to 1994.

#### Refugee victory

A Nigerian pro-democracy activist and his son are to be allowed to rejoin their family in Britain after being deported by Michael Howard, the former Home Secretary. An ruled that Joyce Onibiyo should be granted refugee status, giving her husband Abdul and son Ade the right to return.

#### Arts review

Sir Richard Eyre, the director, has assured the Arts Council that he intends to examine all the options facing the Royal Opera, Royal Ballet and English National Opera in heading a review team exploring their future. Others to join the team include Mary Allen, the Royal Opera House's chief executive.

#### Sex trial halted

A trial at Cardiff Crown Court where Judge John Prosser compared a sex attack with a trip to the dentist was halted yesterday. Harold Baker, 48, from Gwent, was released on bail and may face a retrial on charges of sexual assaults on two women. Judge Prosser will give his reasons for stopping the trial on Monday.

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#### Diana tribute

The public school attended by Diana, Princess of Wales, could become a centre for teenagers suffering from eating disorders, serious diseases and domestic violence. Parents of former pupils at West Heath School in Sevenoaks, Kent, which closed this year, have drawn up plans for the Beth Marie Centre to move there.

#### PC cleared

A policeman sentenced to three months' jail after being found guilty of assaulting a brick-wielding drunk was cleared on appeal yesterday. PC Jonathan Walters, 34, of Foots Cray, Kent, told Southwark Crown Court be did wark Crown Court he did not strike a single illegal blow against Eric Ed-wards. Scotland Yard may reinstate him.

#### Witness Bill

The Government is to introduce new laws to control the payment of witnesses in criminal cases by newspapers. Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, told the Commons Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee his department would be working to produce a draft Bill towards the end of the current session.

#### Nice one, Cyril

A crow which had half its beak ripped off in a fight with a fox has had a replacement built using car filler paste, strips of metal and black enamel paint Kevin McCullen, a vet, made up the prosthet-ic beak when Cyril the crow was taken into his surgery in Farnborough. Hampshire, with the top half of its beak missing.

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# during march

streets of Dover today as extra officers were brought in to police a rally by the National

The extreme right-wing group hopes to profit from resentment against the several hundred Gypsies living in the town on state benefit, but Kent police have imposed strict restrictions, including a ban on placards and loud-hailers, and a spokesman said that fewer than 100 people were

Opponents of the march have threatend to disrupt it and groups including the anti-Nazi league said that they hoped that several hundred people would join a counter-demonstration held about half a mile away. Police said that they would keep the two sides apart and that they did not

expect trouble. who arrived in London on Thursday, claiming that they were fleeing the National Front, were back in Dover yesterday after Westminster Council refused to let them

The National Front has been distributing leaflets in Dover town centre for the past three weekends, accusing the

# Custody envoy claims immunity

AN AMERICAN diplomat involved in a custody battle with his wife said yesterday that the English courts had no right to prevent him taking his children to the United States because he had diplomatic

immunity. The man had taken his two daughters with him when his tour of duty ended despite a High Court order giving custody to his wife. The United States is a signatory of the Hague Convention and thus recognises decisions made in courts in other countries that have signed the

Yesterday he challenged attempts to make him return the chiral and

States government. Christopher Greenwood told the Court of Appeal: "There was no jurisdiction for the order to be made in the High Court. The defendant is covered by diplomatic immunity."

But the appeal judges ordered an urent full hearing of the case. Lord Justice Ward said: "It seems surprising that a country which is a signatory to the Hague Convention on the wrongful removal of children and child abduction should be able to escape the ordinary operation of

the convention by claiming immunity."

The judges asked for the Attorney General to join the full hearing to help with the law on diplomatic immunity and arent clash between the 4

sions of one international convention on child protection and another, the Vienna Convention on diplomatic immunity".

Parallel proceedings are taking place in America, where the man is asking judges to give him custody of the children, aged 10 and 13, against the ruling of the

English High Court. Lord Justice Ward said that the mother. German national, married the American diplomat in 1982 when he was at the US embassy there. He was posted to Britain in 1994. They began divorce proceedings in July, but the father left Britain to return to America with the children despite the mother's protests that they were being taken out of the courts:

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# Clinton's 'Pretty Girl' tells of 33-year affair

Tom Rhodes in Dallas talks to a sexual addict about her illicit liaison with the world's most powerful man Girl, but she knew him as plain Billy Clinton: the man with whom Dony Nya.

A ing claims she maintained an affair for three decades — a relationship which ended only

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when he became President of the United States. For years Mrs Browning, 19, has kept her silence. Even when the Clinton campaign threatened to destroy her if she co-operated with a tabloid magazine in 1992, she protected his privacy. But now she has completed a fictional account of their partnership and as President Clinton faces the embarrassment of the Paula Jones sexual harassment suit, a trial for which Mrs. Browning has been subpoensed to testily, sne nas many sout to talk for the first time about 33 years in Mr Clinton's thrall.

often sad story which began on a golf course in Arkansas when she was II and ended at the thirtieth reunion of their high-school class in Hot Springs three years ago.

During an interview at the Dallas home she shares with her third husband, Mrs Browning described an affair that devastated her life; a sometimes sexual and emotional relationship that she still finds hard to discuss. While she is clearly an addictive personality and

openly admits to more than a decade in therapy to resolve her sexual addiction. Mrs Browning said her unrequited love for Mr Clinton should have ended where it began, in the classroom at Hot Springs. would say that his being President of the United States is absolutely irrelevant," she said. Being in love with spmeone who is not emotionally available is unhealthy and ultimately destructive.

"And it can be romanticised and it can be rationalised but once it was clear that the relationship was not going to go properly towards marriage, then it should have been

· The two apparently were immediately attracted to each other but never had any sexual contact at school. It was only afterwards, when she was at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and then moved to Dallas that they would spend gountless hours together. cometimes talking into the long drives and occasionally arranging clan-

destine meetings in hotels. As she tells it, they corresponded regularly and, whenever she returned to Arkansas sister. Mr Clinton would call and they would meet. She was ipvited to parties with friends and, when he became the state Governor, functions at the mansion, most often when

Hillary Clinton was away. she played the organ in her local church from an early age - Mrs Browning wrote two dozen love songs for the na-spent politician. There would



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6 I felt that Billy did trust me a lot and that is what makes me uncomfortable talking about this ?

be times when it would be sexual and there would be many more times when it was not. It wasn't a relationship where every time we got together we went to bed," she said. "We had this attraction and I have to think it was mutual. We talked a lot, we corresponded with each other. And Billy would use me as a sounding board a lot about his political ambitions."

Mrs Browning, a Southern girl to the roots of her blonde hair, described the Hot Springs of their childhood as a hothed of adultery. Only faithful couples warranted conversation. It was a den of gambling and insider dealing, an early influence that many of his critics believe has been reflected throughout Mr Clinton's career, whether in the Whitewater fiasco or the raising of irregular funds for his re-election last year.

As their affair progressed, Mrs Browning saw two marriages fall apart. By 1986 she was sleeping with multiple partners and decided to enter

therapy for her sexual addic-tion. It was there that counsellors recommended she write down her feelings about the relationship, sentiments that appeared recently as fiction in Purposes of the Heart, her first novel.

Publishers in New York looked at the manuscript and said that Mrs Browning could command a six-figure advance if she would write a factual account. Her intention, she says, was never to expose Bill Clinton, and so she declined. Instead her husband: Doc

Browning, a physical educa-tion teacher at St Mark's School, a highly regarded Texas establishment, said he would publish the book at home. By word of mouth. thousands of copies have been sold of the thinly disguised account of President Carneron Coulter and Kelly McCain, his childhood sweetheart.

Although trained as a lawyer, she had wanted to be a novelist and the book is merely the first in a Southern gothic trilogy spanning generations. Mr Clinton, she said, had encouraged her writing and, while she is not certain whether he has read the book, he never asked her not to publish. Instead, Mrs Browning

found herself pursued at the beginning of 1992 by an American supermarket tabloid. When she asked for support from Mr Clinton, her brother, Walter Kyle, then working on the Democratic campaign, telephoned her to say that she would be "destroyed" if she decided to co-operate.

"It was a very hurtful thing," she said. "I felt doubly betrayed by Billy and my own brother. My anger was not at the threat that they would destroy me. My anger was that neither Billy nor my brother knew me well enough to know that I would never have done that. I just wanted some support."

At the time, the Clinton campaign was reeling from the revelations of his affair



Dolly Kyle Browning with Doc, her third husband; and at 15 as a high-school senior in Hot Springs after she met the future President

with Gennifer Flowers, the former cabaret singer who claimed to have had a 12-year affair with Mr Clinton in Arkansas. He denied her claim which nearly derailed his initial run for the White House.

with women but also with

During their affair, of course. Mrs Browning admits that both she and Mr Clinton were oblivious to the effects their treacherous affair might be having on her spouse and children as well as Hillary and Chelsea Clinton. "Obviously, it would have affected Chelsea whether she knows it or not but it was always very important for Billy to be a good

lescribes Hillary Clinton shaved her legs and smelt strange. When interviewed, however, she said: "It's a reflection on me. a small-town Southern girl who had never been exposed to a woman who looked like that. In Arkansas, women shaved their legs. I will say this, at 50, Hillary looks twice as good as she did at 25. She really has changed

Mrs Browning, like Ms Flowers, now finds herself at

suit by Mrs Jones, a former Arkansas employee who claims she was called to a Little Rock hotel room in 1991 where she says the then Governor dropped his trousers and asked her to perform oral sex. Mrs Jones is reported to have identified a distinguish-

ing feature of Mr Clinton's

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6 It was not done with

malice ... it was simply

my own lack of

experience. I will say

this, at 50 Hillary

looks twice as good as

at 25. She really has

changed quite a bit 9

They thought I was going to be another Gennifer Flowers," recalled Mrs Browning. "I didn't see any depth in that relationship, I saw that as a 12-

year one-night stand."

She had long questioned Mr Clinton's loyalty, not merely those who had made his career possible. When he saw, for example, that Senator William Fulbright, his mentor, was losing in the 1974 campaign, Mr Clinton refused to visit his headquarters. "I don't want to be associated with a loser," he told Mrs Browning.

father to Chelsea."

the centre of the most embar-

was undoubtedly a blow. Ac

cording to sources close to him, he believed that after the

Day and next year's world tour he might guide the girls into solo careers. Neverthe-

mated £10-£15 million payoff

and has plenty of other stars on his books. There was said

to be an air of relief in his office this week that he can

was lost in Spice World for

mouths," one insider said.

'It's great to have him back.'

Girls themselves? Their pub lic relations firm said that

members of their record company were now looking after their affairs on their current

spin around Europe and a

statement about new manage-

But while Mr Fuller might have plenty of projects to keep



genitalia. Mrs Browning will only confirm that she has spoken to both sides in the case.

Then she returns to the day of the reunion at Hot Springs. As if in a trance she speaks of how the President finally found her among the throng of "I just looked him in the face

and said, 'You're such an means'. That is what I told asshole.' And then he says to him." The President, she says. me, You have to understand took her to one side where, what I was feeling at the time', guarded by secret agents, the and I said 'I'm sick of undercouple spoke for almost an standing what Billy Boy was hour. He apologised, said Mrs feeling, what Billy Boy was going through. I turned down Browning, but then asked her whether she would like to half a million dollars for your come to Washington and start again as before. you don't know what loyalty

"He still didn't understand me and I knew then that it was over," she said. "But it's hard for me to believe that two people could have a relationship that lasted that long without some residual

feeling." Mrs Browning said: "I'm not saying it's love, I'm not saying it's anything more than nostalgia. I don't think it can go from such intensity and duration to just nothing."

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would have no intention of commenting on her 🤊





6 His relationship with her was a 12-year one-night



IN THE HILLS of Tennessee, the eagerness of younger

generations is rewarded with the knowledge of older ones.

Charles Ray McGee is said to be the best dog trainer in Moore County (that's him with his pride, Jake). So he's just the man young Bob Hobbs wants to talk to about getting his own pup squared away. The best traditions here, from champion dogs to prize-winning whiskey, have always been handed down. After a sip of Jack Daniel's, you'll be glad they always will be.

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# Sweet taste of success starts turning sour for Spice Girls

ALL IS not well in Spice World. The greatest expo-nents of British Girl Power stage in Spain on Thursday night after a week that showed the fault lines spread-

Last night the Spice Girls were appearing on Italian television after keeping a low Rome. Days after sacking their manager they had time in the Eternal City to ponder how much longer their own brief careers might last. They even learnt that the bookies made them only second

They were probably in a state of shock. On Thursday they received a rough recepannual Premios Ondas awards ceremony in Barcelona. The gala evening had been delayed after a presenter announced that the girls were nsisting that photographers be removed from the auditorium because their contracts stipulated that they should not be snapped while they were performing. The photographers refused to leave and when the quintet finally appeared on stage they were booed and hissed. After their performance they left to more cat calls from the audience of representatives of Spanish



Grating Spice: Geri Halliwell "won" a readers' poll

the band have had arguments with photographers, but it was the first time that the girls had been so unceremoniously treated and also the first when their former manager, Simon Fuller, has not been there to smooth things over. Last weekend the news broke that the girls had dumped Mr Fuller and his entourage of publicity officers, minders

The reasons for the dumping of their Svengali Spice, as always with the Spice Girls, were obscured by tabloid claim and counter claim. Cerbeen tension within the group over Mr Fuller's close relationship with Emma Bunton, Baby Spice. Whether this relationship was over is unheen speculation over the extent and nature of the work the Spice Girls were doing. Their promotional work had been extensive and included marketing a whole range of products from Pepsi to Iollipops. An opinion poll showed that the public was fed up with seeing the Spice Girls' faces on everything.

tainly, there appears to have straight to No 1. Mirror asked its readers to nominate the Spice Girl they

But the problems for th hand were starting before Mr Fuller's departure. The sales of their recently-released album Spiceworld have been disappointing, despite a surprisingly good reception from the critics and shooting Now the media backlash has started. This week The

found most irritating and Geri Halliwell (Ginger) won with 35 per cent of the vote. William Hill has stopped taking bets on which girl will

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# ASK the Swedes which car they believe in.

An Audi is Sweden's safest car. So says the Folksam Safety Survey, published every two years by one of Sweden's leading insurance firms. In outscoring both Volvo and Saab, Audi was found to be 55 percent safer than the average car. Almost unbelievable.

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# Speedy

# Ex-SAS men in mission to free hostage couple

is to by to war-ravaged Chechnya to try to rescue a British couple held hostage

S SATURDAY VONTMBER

since July. Details of the perilous mission to the breakaway Russian republic were released yester-day by Lord McAlpine of West Green, a former Tory party treasurer, who has formed close links with the Chechen government. Costs of up to £250,000 will be mer by an umbrella group of business leaders in the region.

The team of two to four former SAS officers, specialists in anti-kidnapping techniques, is working on details of a rescue plan before leaving for Chechnya over the next few weeks. It hopes to have Jon James and Camilla Carr, both 35, of Ross-on-Wye in Here-ferdshire, home in time for Christmas.

The Foreign Office and Scotland Yard have been informed of the move, which was anplauded yesterday by relatives of the kidnap victims. It is also being backed by the Chechen Government, which will instruct its anti-terrorist brigade to co-operate with the former British soldiers.

Helen Carr. 65, Camilla's mother, said: "Any initiative is very welcome at this stage. capital of the world. Ransoms. Things have been completely of as much as £1.25 million.

Lord McAlpine reveals plan to rescue Britons

from war-torn

Chechnya, writes Nicholas Wood

dead for months and months. Although we are very positive about the fact that we are sure they are alive, we do want them back as soon as possible \*

Mr James and Ms Carr were abducted by six masked men on July 6 from their home in the Chechen capital of Grozny. They had been working for a Quaker-affiliated charity, the Centre for Peace-Making and Community Development, which runs a home in the capital for child victims of the battle for independence, which ended in an uneasy peace deal last year and a

Russian withdrawal. Since then battle-scarred Grozny, described yesterday as looking like another Hiroshima, has become the kidnap ers amid claims by the Chechen Government that a black propaganda unit in Moscow is trying to undermine the new regime by

seizing visitors.

No ransom demand has been made in the case of the British couple. The Foreign Office told the families in September that it had reason to believe Mr James and Ms: Carr were still alive.

The decision to call in the SAS, taken by a group of businessmen led by Khozhe-Akhmed Noukhaev, the former first deputy Prime Minister of Chechnya, is part of a wider attempt to win international recognition for the one million-strong breakaway Islamic state, which fought off the might of the Red

Mr Noukhaev, reputedly Chechnya's richest man, has tried to flush out the kidnappers by offering to pay a ransom. But there were no takers, reinforcing his view that the hostage-taking is politically inspired.

Lord McAlpine, who now leads the Referendum Movement and who has visited Chechnya, said he had become involved after an appeal from the British Ambassador in Thlisi while he was travel-



Hostages Jon James and Camilla Carr have not been seen since July. They worked for a children's charity

ling in the Near Fast. He said in London that the SAS men should not be regarded as mercenaries.

At least one former officer and a former NCO are working on an initial rescue plan covering intelligence, logistical and operational require-

He said: They are not mercenaries. They are highly sophisticated specialists in

kidnapping, who have expertise in these sort of things over a wide area. Mr Noukhaev and his people have been introduced to the relevant specialists and instructions

have been given to them.

They are not storm-troopers. This is a specialist operation. This is not Rambo: not what you see on TV and the films. They [the ex-SAS men] will go out and do their work attached to the Chechen government forces." Mrs Carr said she was concerned about the couple's

safety, but that they had the inner strength to survive their ordeal. "In September, there was

word from the Foreign Office that they were alive, but no one knew who had done it or where they were. There has been nothing since September.

It is getting worrying of course.

"But I know they are both very strong, spiritual people. I believe that is the best way to withstand it. I just feel we have to have a lot of faith and trust." Doris James, 67, said her

son was used to roughing it and would be able to survive hardship. But she was despon-

Bedford people by night at the rate of one a month. He halted for a few

weeks to take a girlfriend on holiday

to Barbados. The gang robbed one

Post Office three times in four

months, netting more than £106,000. A teenage boy lost his leg

when a shotgun being shown off by

Skyers went off accidentally in

another raid. During one robbery a

Bedford, had shots fired over his

head, and shots were fired at the car

of a Bedford businessman.

service keeps Henman at double

BY ALIX RAMSAY AND DANIEL MCGRORY

IT WAS probably the most expensive double date in sporting history. Tim Hen-man had used a chartered jet and a chauffeur-driven car yesterday to ensure he became the first tennis player to compete in two tournaments on the same day.

His longest day began with a warm-up for the national championships at Telford, a press conference at 9.30am and a quarter final at llam that he won in 53 minutes.

After a quick lunch he was driven to East Midlands airport and flown to Hanover for a match in another tournament at 6.30pm. The plan was to fly home by 10.30pm so he could get to bed before today's semi-final at Telford.

Unfortunately his double date upset a Spanish player who said that he should have been drafted into the ATP Tour world championship. Because of injuries, the ATP The Hanover tournament traditionally ends the tennis season with a knockout among the world's top eight. Henman is ranked 17th but the ATP said that those above him could not be contacted. Not so, said Felix Mantilia who waited all night for the call that never came.

Henman was promised \$100,000 (£59,000) to beat Yevgeni Kafelnikov and up to \$40,000 just for showing up in Hanover. He gave the pay cheque to charity.

#### Raider who killed German tourist jailed for life day and the homes of wealthy local Playboy robber had terrorised a town, report Stewart Tendler and Adam Fresco

AN ARMED robber who terrorised a county town to fund a playboy lifestyle was jailed for life yesterday for the ruthless murder of a Ger-

man tourist during a raid.
Alvin Black, 36, shot Johanna Czardebon in the head in front of her husband during a failed raid on a Bedford hotel. The shorgun cartridge which killed her was stolen during one of 12 attacks that

plagued the town for over a year... Frau Czardebon, 56, died as she sat sipping coffee late at night in the iconge of the Bedford County Hotel in May last year. She and other Germans were on a goodwill visit to the town, which is twinned with her flome town of Bamberg in Bavaria. Mearing a balaclava: Black came - She was just in the wrong place at

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into the room brandishing a sawnoff shotgun and opened fire as he made his escape.

The case received huge publicity in Germany when the party returned home. The Mayor of Bamberg said later that nothing like the

killing could have happened there. Frau Czardebon's husband, Sigurd, said from Bamberg yesterday: "We were married 33 years and had one daughter and three grandchildren. My wife worked as a cleaning lady in an employment office, and she was a very ordinary person who would not have harmed anyone . . .

the wrong time, when some madman was moved by the need to kill someone ... He has left me very sad and lonely, and entirely on my

Yesterday at the Old Bailey Judge Geoffrey Grigson told Black: "You are a ruthless and professional criminal prepared to use violence as and when you thought it necessary. The murder of Frau Czardebon was the tragic culmination of your career in violent crime."

Black, 37, was also jailed for 21 years, to be served concurrently, for conspiracy to rob. Karlton Campbell, his 20-year-old nephew, and

Robert Skyers, 20, both from Bedford, were jailed for 13 years for conspiracy to rob, and John Stewart, 41, from St Neots, Cambridgeshire, was jailed for three years for wounding with intent.

Black had an extravagant lifestyle. He owned two expensive cars. wore smart clothes and took Caribbean holidays. He had several girlfriends in the Bedford area. including the daughter of a local Tory councillor who later gave evidence against him.

In 1985 he was sentenced to ten years for the rape of a 19-year-old nurse he came across during a trail

traught girl he claimed he was a serial rapist known as "The Fox". who in fact was another man who struck in the area. The judge who sentenced The Fox also dealt with Black and told him: "One Fox is enough in a lifetime."

developed his career as an armed robber. Between March 1995 and June 1996, Black and his gang terrorised Bedford and stole more £150,000. When police smashed the gang they recovered £20,000 and a small arsenal.

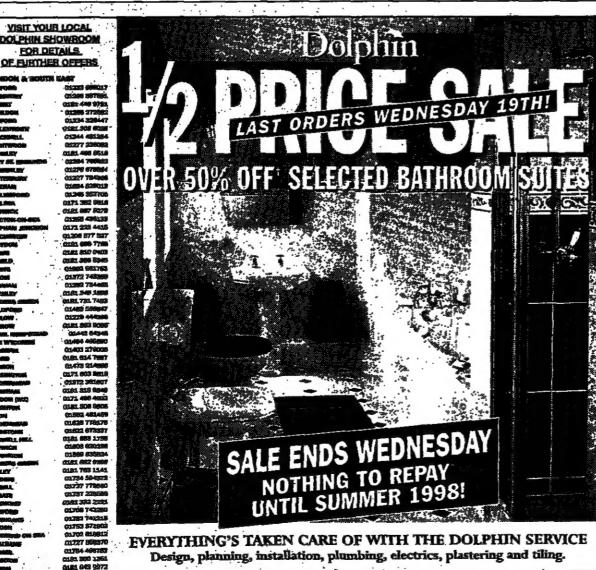
He would attack businesses by

After he came out of prison Black shopkeeper was beaten and his wife and three daughters tied up. During an attack on a Top Rank centre people dived for cover as the raiders randomly opened fire. Another victim at Sandy, near

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Henman: donated his pay cheque to charity





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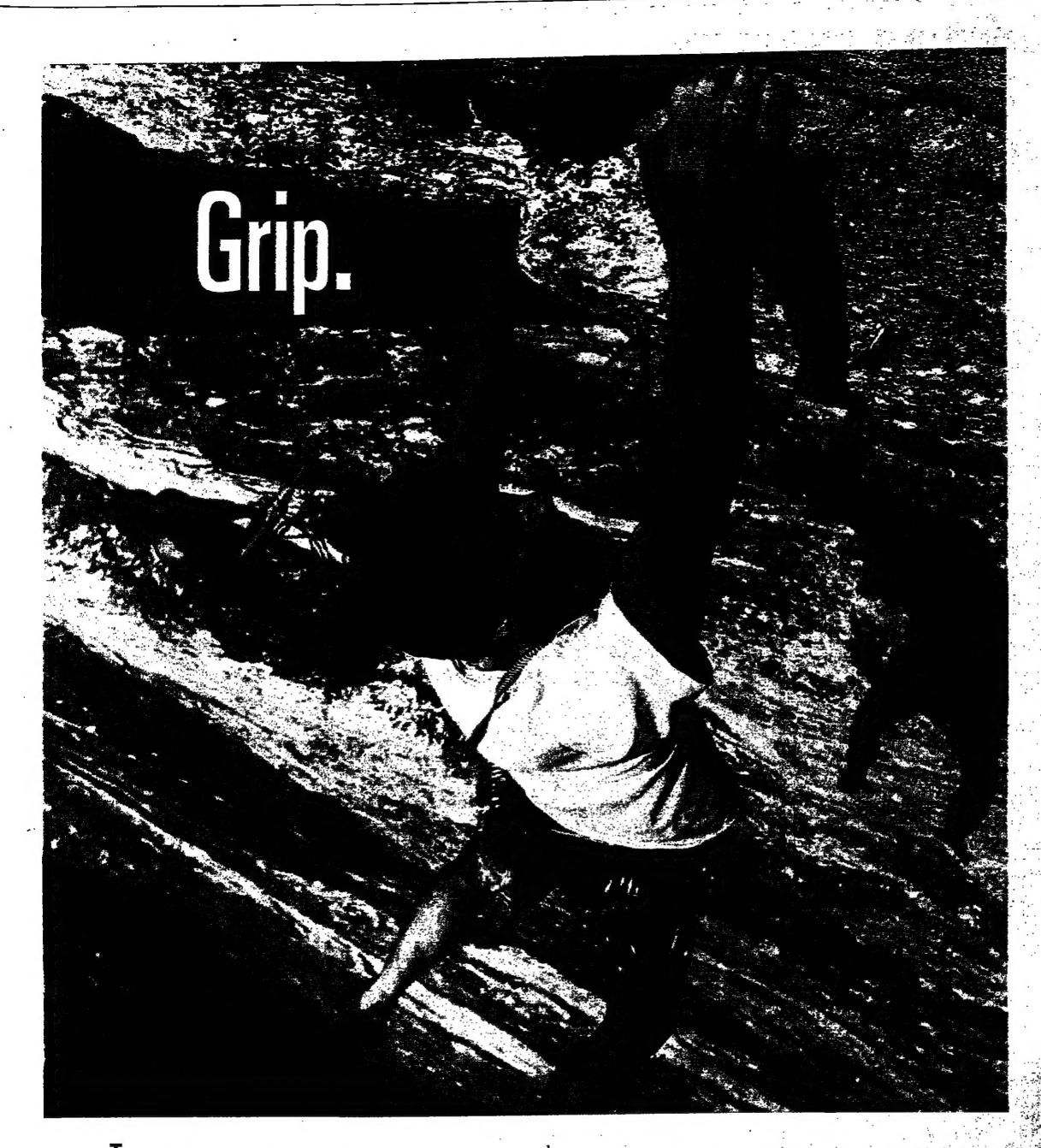


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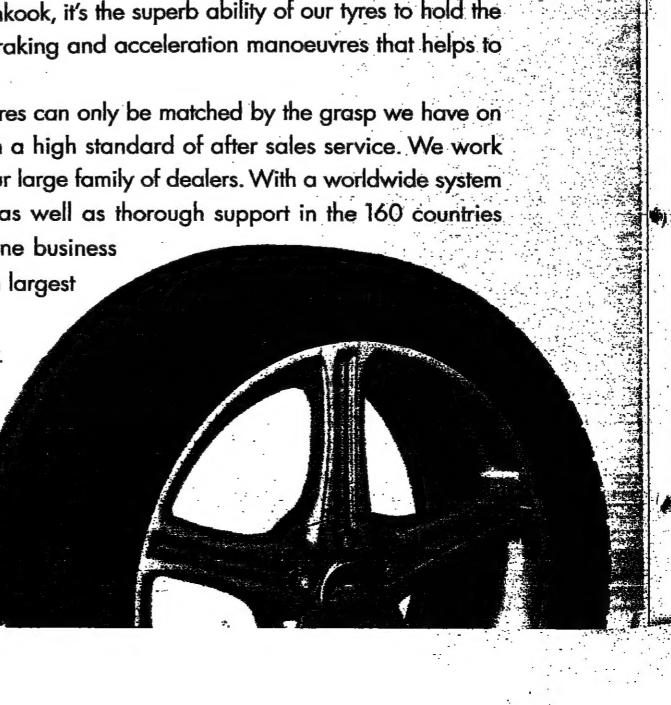


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# German engineer faces jail over test-drive death

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THE partner of a road crash victim was among safety campaigners who yesterday called on car manufacturers to review testing procedures after a German engineer was found guilty of causing death by

dangerous driving. Klaus Menk, 47, a steering engineer with General Motors Europe, was overtaking a slow-moving Skoda on a badly lit country road on the night of January 30 when he crashed head-on with Richard Longworth, killing him.

Mr Longworth, 39, was the editor of Get Motoring magazine and the partner of Mary Williams, who founded the Brake road safety organis-ation after the death of her mother in a road accident.

Menk, from Frankfurt, was one of three General Motors engineers driving two Vaux-hall Astras and a Peugeot 306 on the B655 near Hitchin, Hertfordshire, on a ten-mile circuit of public roads used by the company near its Vauxhall headquarters at Luton.

Alan Wilkie, QC, the Recorder, postponed sentence at Luton Crown Court, warning Menk that he could be jailed but that he would consider other sentences. The maximum penalty for causing death by dangerous driving is ten years: imprisonment.



increase their awareness of risk perception." She said that

Menk had admitted he did not

David Rogers, road safety adviser for RoSPA, said: "A company ought to make sure their employees have all the

appropriate training to work

safely in another country, whether they are operating a

an for the Society of Motor

Manufacturers and Traders,

insisted that cars were only

evaluated, not tested, on open

roads. The motor industry

does not carry out irres-

ponsible testing procedures on

main roads. On normal roads

you have a normal driver in a

normal car who is not expect-

ed to do anything outside the law." He added: "The industry

does take the issue of safety

very seriously. This would seem to be a very tragic incident. I don't think it is

sensible in the light of it to say

manufacturers should be do-

ing this or that. You cannot

legislate for everything."

nuclear reactor or a car." However Al Clarke, spoke

know the Highway Code.

Longworth: killed in the head-on crash

engineers carried out 90 per cent of the testing at night because they did not want outsiders identifying models under evaluation. The testing could not be done effectively at speeds of less than 37-56 mph. which was within the speed limit for that stretch of road.

Ms Williams vesterday said that although Menk had 20 years' experience testing cars around the world, he had no formal training in driving in Britain. She said: "You have great potential for disaster if you employ foreign nationals without advanced driver training to drive on badly lit, rural, twisting roads in left and right-hand drive vehicles at

Other . commercial fleet companies who use public



Mary Williams, who has lost her mother and her partner in road accidents

#### Revellers cleared of attacking lone WPC

BY LIN JENKINS

FOUR men and a woman were cleared yesterday of leading a mob in an attack on a lone policewoman during a farewell

celebration in Soho.
The jury at Southwark
Crown Court took less than an hour to clear them of being part of a crowd of 20 who punched WPC Alison Mullins, screamed "kill her, kill her". and slammed her against a

shop window.

WPC Mullins, 33, alleged that one of the accused, Paul Cooper, kicked her police van after she booted at the crowd to get out of her way at 1.35am in Frith Street in March.
The friends had

bidding farewell to one of the accused, Deborah Gross, 23, of Guildford, Surrey, who was acquitted of violent disorder and affray on the judge's direction, and another friend who were leaving the next day to travel the world for two years. The others cleared of the

same charges were: Stephen Yarnion, 23, a computer software salesman; Jack Gordon, 23, of Ashtead. Surrey; Nigel Soole, 24, of Balham, southwest London; and Mr Cooper. 24, of Cobham, Surrey.

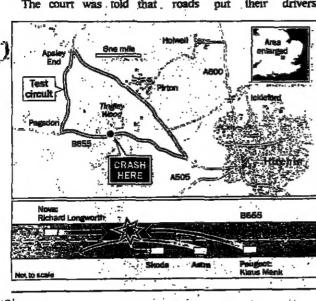
THE SUNDAY TIMES JFK, the CIA and assassination squads



investigative journalist Seymour Hersh is being savaged in America for writing a book that attacks the late John Kennedy.

In The Sunday Times tomorrow, he presents his evidence that the president was linked to a death squad . . . 9

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#### Threat to classic cars

ed petrol from forecourts by the end of the century threatens to force more than 650,000 classic cars off Britain's roads.

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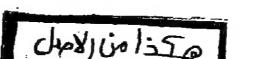
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in the week of the British pop music chart's 45th anniversary. Bands are

pushing back the boundaries of

decency in their videos more than

ever because of the growth in 24-

been impossible to see such a video

on British television. Pop music

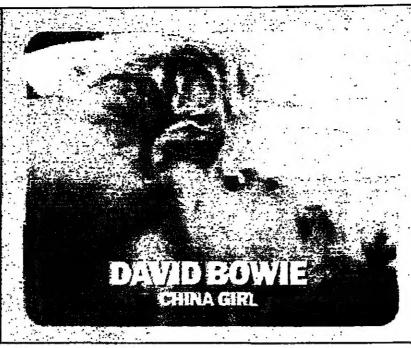
programmes were largely anodyne children's affairs. (Top of the Pops.

The Chart Show) reinforcing the old-fashioned television executive's

Eight years ago it would have

hour music channels







# Band pushes back the boundaries of bad taste

Carol Midgley and Des Burkinshaw on why The Prodigy made a video that most people will never see IN THE early hours today, with most of the country asleep, a small piece of pop history was being view that only 12-year-olds listen to made. The Prodigy's new video, pop music, and artists would not described as the most explicit pop

have even bothered to make them. The Prodigy's video will not be broadcast on terrestrial television. The five-minute film, which But satellite and cable channels shows graphic scenes of lesbian give bands new, more adventurous station, vomiting, drug

outlets for their work.
Although MTV has decided to screen the video to Smack Up Your Bitch only between the hours of lam and 4am, the Independent Television Commission is bracing itself for a deluge of complaints on Monday. "We cannot intevene before something has been transmitted but we will be taking a good look at this video," a spokesman said. "If we feel we need to act we

A spokeswoman for MTV said: "We feel we are putting it on at a

reasonable time when only adults will be viewing. Yes. we may get complaints, but remember we have just had the film Natural Born Killers and Pulp Fiction on terrestrial channels screened much earli-

er than this." Industry ources insist one view ing of the video will be enough to put previous music video controversies sharply into perspective. In 1983 there was uproar over a pair of bare buttocks in the video for David Bowie's China

Girl. Two years earlier Duran Duran were forced to censor their Girls on Film video which featured women engaged in mud-wrestling and pillow fights. Even the uproar

film, which featured scenes of bondage, looks tame in compari-

But why would the most success ful British band of the moment, who have made number one with

6 Who can give this video a primetime slot? Frankly, they might as well not have bothered making it ?

> their first two hits, are almost certain to have a third with their new song, despite being banned by all mainstream radio stations, and whose first-week sales of their album Fat of the Land sold double that of the Spice Girls, make a

video that they know could riever be shown on mainstream tele-vision? Liam Howlett, the band's songwriter, said: "Obviously The Prodigy want to take things forward - the last two videos focussed very closely on the

band. Doing a video like this has helped us get away from that a bit. But really the main thinking was that seeing we were releasing a single that no one would play on radio, we might as well make a video that

One television producer expressed frustration at their arrogance. "I'm passionate about this band. They've smashed the bound-

no one could play either."

music in an astonishing way. But who can give this video a prime-time slot? Frankly, they might as well not have bothered making

Phil Davey, series producer for ITV's morning Chart Show, said: "We'll be lucky if we can find ten seconds to show as a clip down our rundown of the Top Ten. Traditionally the most explicit videos are the heavy metal ones but they are not really in vogue at the moment. Videos on the whole are made by professionals who know what guidelines they have to stick to if

they want them shown.
The biggest problems we have are with American soul and R'n'B acts such as Warren G and LLCool J but they are often just the wrong

different." Recently a Soul II Soul ! video for Pleasure Dome had to be cut for terrestrial television because it featured two lesbians kissing. Blur met the same problem when it tried to paste a subliminal pair of breasts into a video and EMF attempted the same effect with a

Many industry sources believe the effect has been to "ghetto-ise" pop videos that do not suit children's television. The pop commentator Rick Sky said: "Pop videos can become more explicit now because they are no longer ruled by shows like Top of the Pops and The Chart Show.

"Television has generally treated pop music abysmally, making it essentially children's programming, but now the proliferation of late-night shows and all-night music channels means it can cater for an adult audience."



By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A LONG-RUNNING feud between neighbours culminated in a 20th-century War of the Roses, a court was told

yesterday. Leslie Waller, a retired carpenter, grew so irritated by petals from John Bodle's roses dropping on his path that he attacked a prized bush.

But Mr Bodle had rigged up a hidden closed-circuit the battlefield in an otherwise dignified backstreet in Hove, East Sussex, and caught him

The film shows Mr Waller leaning over the wall dividing the terraced houses and picking off the flowers before hurling them on to his adversary's porch and steps. It was handed to police and Mr. Waller was charged with causing £21 worth of damage to the rose bush, which has now been removed by Mr Bodle. Mr Waller denied the criminal

damage charge at Brighton Magistrates' Court, but agreed to be bound over to eep the peace for 12 months. David Woodings, for the

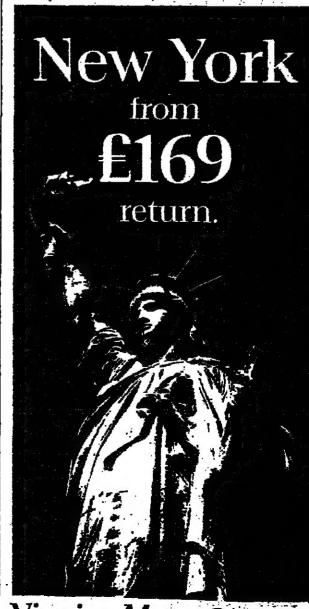
prosecution, said: "Mr Waller could clearly be seen pulling flower buds and petals from the bush and throwing them on top of Mr Bodie's porch and stens." Chris Bull, for the defence

both sides but added: "He accepts there is video evidence some garden debris báck on to his neighbour's property

After the case Mr Bodle, 52, said: "I have had 25 years of aggro. The roses may seem a trivial thing but he has been diabolical."

After the case Mr Waller said: "Mr Bodle's garden is encroaching on my property. It is unfair. He is not just a gardening enthusiast, he is a foliage fanatic. I am sick of it.





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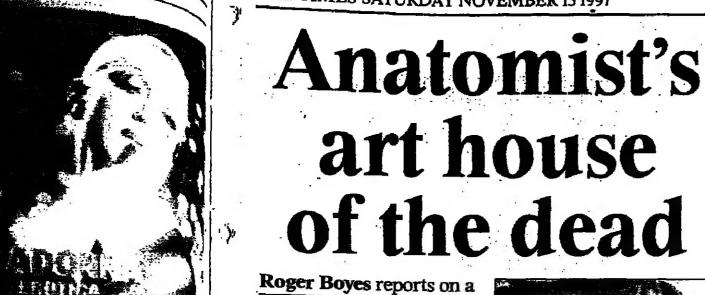
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museum display of corpses preserved by the skills of

Günther von Hagens, right,

who is earning praise as well as arousing deep shock



HERCULES stares out of his there is no more concrete way of seeing an evolution of a tumour than by pumping the diseased organ full of silicone corner, a slight smile playing across his face. Another man, less muscular, sits at a diseased organ full of silfcone glasstop desk as if waiting for and letting people touch it. the telephone to ring, for some diversion from the daily drudgery. Around the room men and women - including a slender expectant mother

with a five-monthold foetus - silentiv expose themselves to a curious, and sometimes disgusted throng. They are kenstein had his monster and Dr Günther von Hagens has his corp-ses, which shock and educate in about equal propor-Catholic Church expressed outrage, doctors grumbled,

critics accused the anatomy scientist of creating a chamber of horrors, of showmanship, of artistic pretensions. And the public flocks to the Technical Museum in Mannheim, searching for the macabre, all ultimately stunned.

Dr Frankenstein tried to discover the secret of life and approached the problem in an overly mechanical way; he played God and could not give his monster a soul. Dr von Hagens has more modest ambitions. He wants — with his extraordinary new methods of preserving corpses -- to educate other doctors, and in this he certainly succeeds, for

And he wants to demystify death. Few people nowadays see a corpse, yet they were a common sight — and smell — in the Middle Ages. Dr von

Damien Hirst exhibit at the Tate Gallery

Hagens is challenging a contemporary taboo and inevitably he has landed in the middle of a fierce debate about ethical standards, good taste

and the dignity of the dead.

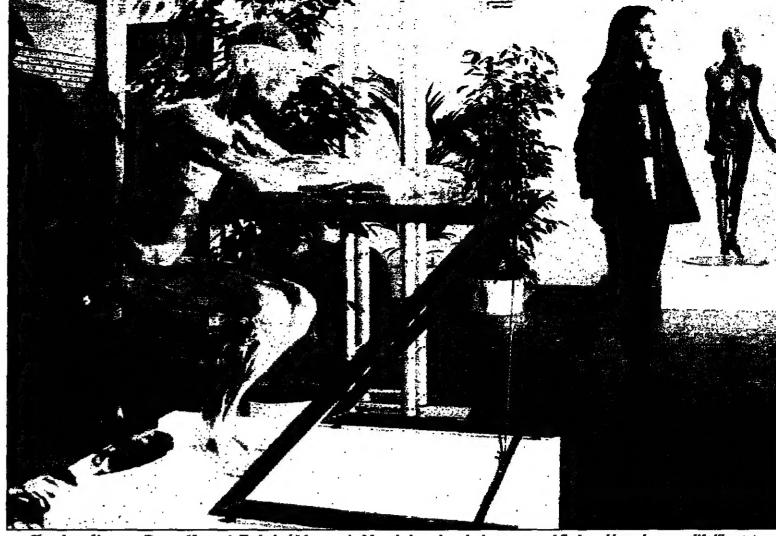
Most of the people on
display died a few years ago.
The doctor's technique involves sucking out the water and fats from a body and replacing it with curable poly-mer, preferably silicone which creates a flexible, dry, odourless corpse. No other preservation method has had this effect the Egyptian mummies powder away when exposed to air, the formaldehyde favoured by the British artist

Damien Hirst eventually bleaches the specimen. Dr von Hagens makes his corpses touchable - and they are forever. The bodies are all donated, and indeed Dr von Hagens will soon be holding a new donor session at his Institute for Plastination in Heidelberg. Potential donors will be able to in-

spect his work, his laboratory, his deep treeze and handle any organs they want - he has a disconcerting habit of placing a human heart in one's hand while chatting over a cup of tea. Everyone fills in a lengthy questionnaire, detailing their motives and how they want their bodies displayed. Frau Inge-borg Haberer, 72, says she has decided that her

body can be used by the doctor because "even as a child I was scared of being buried or being burnt". Dr Wilhelm Kriz, of Heidel-

berg University, agrees: "The more you know about how the body decomposes in the earth. the more attractive is the alternative of plastination." Dr von Hagens is 52, but he has already instructed his wife and colleague, Andrea Whalley, to inject his body with plastic after his death, chop it into slices and distribute them to medical institutes. "But the excitement is premature." he says. "I intend to carry on with



Chamber of horrors: Dr von Hagens's Technical Museum in Mannheim, where he has preserved flesh and bone in a near life-like state corpses. Since many still have

my work for another 30 Hagens, like all anatomical years." He left the University of Heidelberg 17 years ago to set up his own institute which now produces a profit. The doctor shrugs off charges that he makes money out of the dead: "You only have to see how undertakers are making their profits."

The deep, irrational fear evoked by the controversial exhibition is that the corpses have been robbed of something, that the priestly call "dust to dust, ashes to ashes" links natural physical decay with the freeing of the soul. It is this that spurred the church hierarchy of Mannheim to protest publicly, although at least one cleric was less dogmatic in his opposition after touring the exhibition.

The visitors book carries many entries along the lines: "My Christian faith has been strengthened by seeing the beauty of the body." Dr von

researchers, has to come to grips with the spiritual questions. For centuries, anatomists relied on the bodies of hanged men or nameless drifters, people who had, at least by some definitions, lost their souls. But Dr von Hagens is using volunteers.

"As an anatomist I have never encountered the soul," he says. The brain cells storing memory perish at death, meaning that death probably wipes out memory. Yet there is no ego without memory and no individual soul without ego. The question then is: Is there an individual memory that is not connected with the brain?"

Dr von Hagens denies he is trying to make art out of dead bodies ('eat your heart out, Damien Hirst," as one wit observed). But there is art in the way that he tries to restore

their skin, they seem ap-proachable, even friendly albeit full of little holes where fat has been sucked out. They are, of course, anonymous, and though relatives sometimes come to see them they can barely be recognised: the process of plastination distorts the facial features. Stories circulate about ap-

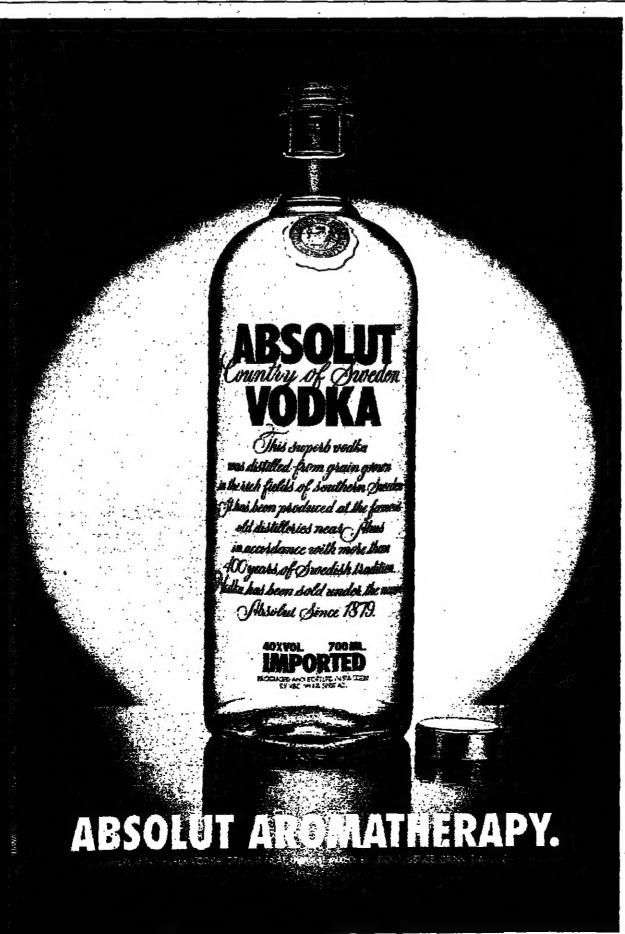
proaches to Dr von Hagens from famous or wealthy men. including an Englishman who wanted his whole family plastinated and placed in the family tomb. But the doctor rules out all

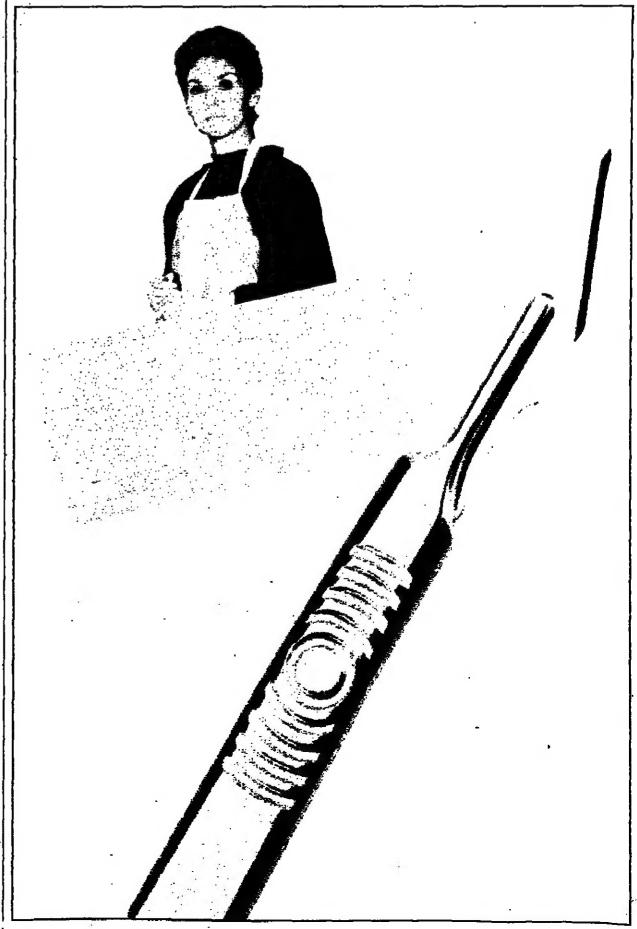
private contracts, and the embalming of Lenin steers him away from politicians. "The last 100 years have shown that bodies used in personality cults have created more trouble than benefits."

The exhibition runs until February. As yet there are no anatomic individuality to the plans to bring it to Britain.



artist, inventor, so his anatomical studies, left, By dissecting 30 corpses, he learnt ings of the human body. Like Michelangelo, he exploited the expressive potential o heavily-muscled figures. Among thousands of pages of drawings, he created some of the most sublime studies. They exude both passion and precision: Leonardo compared a girl's plaited bair with rippling





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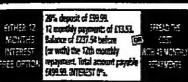
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# Queen toasts restoration of her favourite residence

Architects and artisans are praised for their

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Windsor Castle reports Alan

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A DELIGHTED Queen last night hosted a party to cele-brate the completion, within budget and ahead of schedule, of the largest historic building restoration project in Britain this century.

Windsor Castle, her favourite residence, was severely damaged by fire in 1992. capping a royal annus that was already horribilis from a string of family crises. To mark its return to full glory, 1,500 architects, engineers, craftsmen and labourers who have lent their skills to the task, were invited to the reception, and in the true tradition of the building industry. drank beer instead of champagne and nibbled pizzas in



the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales who both had a major hand in directing the work, mingled with the renovated St George's Hall and the Grand Reception Room, both damaged by flames, heat and water.

largest inhabited castle at between [40 million and £60 million, with completion next spring. When Royal Household officials open the castle to the media on Monday, they will announce that the bill is likely to be under ESS million

When, immediately after the fire, the National Heritage

would fund the repairs, he was met with a barrage of hostile criticism. Instead, the Queen shouldered the burden nerself, opening Buckingham Palace to the public for the first time and charging visitors to enter the precincts of Windsor Castle.

When the bill is paid, entrance charges and souvenir shop profits will have contrib-uted about £24.5 million to the cost, the balance coming from savings in the Royal Household's grant-in-aid from the of the Royal Palaces.

The work, involving more than 100 rooms, has been done almost entirely by British

Hampton Court and Uppark, although the Windsor project

restored apartments is St George's Hall, the 150ft-long ceremonial chamber whose roof was almost totally depitched plaster ceiling. painted to look like wood. architect Giles Downes has built a full-blown Gothic pitch; it took 70 English oaks to furnish the timber.

Elsewhere, craftsmen daster have restored the ceiling and walls of the Grand Reception Room, judged the finest rococo interior in Brit-

many of their original parts, retrieved by English Heritage experts sifting through 7,000 stbins of fire debris.

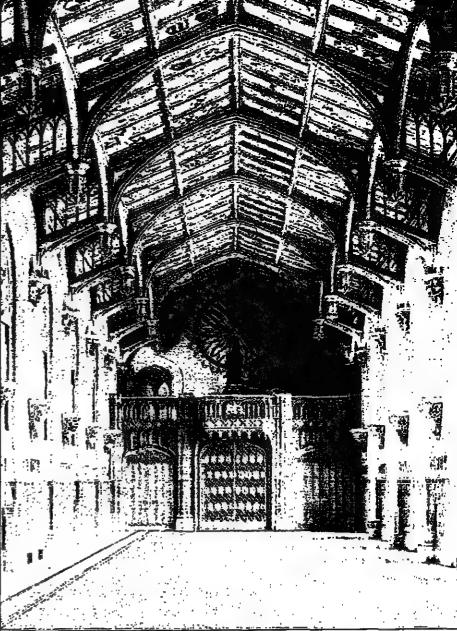
Most controversial of the restored rooms will be the private chapel, which has room to St George's Hall. Sidell Gibson, the architects, have created as a centrepiece a large timber umbrella made of eight laminated oak columns each supporting a fan of 25 curving oak ribs shaped like giant plants and founded on Gothic geometry.

Critics have said it is like the entrance to a fancy restaurant. Specialist engineers faced a Herculean task in installing miles of cabling for power and light, and heating and fresh-

air ducts, within the tight

confines of a historic building. Now hidden fibre-optic cables buried in the hammerdisguised spotlights shining on 700 painted panels depicting knights of the Garter. Television and radio feed cables have been hidden under the floor to allow the broadcast of state occasions.

Hidden behind the panelling and in dark corners is a sophisticated laser-operated fire alarm system. The Queen will be praying that it lives up



The magnificently renovated St George's Hall is the crowning glory of the repairs

## Birthday visit wins over an anti-royalist

BEFORE hosting the celebrations at Windsor, the Queen yesterday visited the homeless of Central London and won over an anti-monarchist.

Elise Greenwood was celebrating her 18th birthday on the same day that the Prince of Wales was celebrating his 49th. Until the Overn visited her at Salters' City Foyer, a hostel for homeless women in Smithfield, where she has ived since June, Ms Green-

later: "I didn't think she was doing much. But she is actually very lovely; she was so nice. She was very interested in everything I was doing. She asked whether the room was noisy, and about the shared

"She asked if the two of us argue about it and I told her we didn't. I think it's great here, and I think it's good that

shows she is involved."

The Foyer, one of a chain of 58 throughout the country, is named after the Salters' livery company which supports it. although it is run by Centre-point, the homeless charity of which the late Diana, Princess of Wales, was patron. The Queen, accompanied by

the Duke of Edinburgh, then boarded the Royal Yacht Britannia, moored in the Pool of London on her farewell voyage, for a lunch with Service one of their last welcomes to the monarch, the Queen greeted the Prince of Wales with a birthday kiss on both cheeks.

The Prince was guest of honour at the lunch in the vessel's state dining room. The Royal Family will see Britannia for the last time at her decommissioning in Ports-mouth on December 11.

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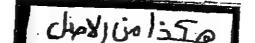
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# Book fires up Giuliani

A MOLE in City Hall has exciting news this week: Rudolph Giuliani, the newly reelected Mayor, is writing a book. It will, we are assured. be the biggest-selling book from New York since Bonfire of the Vanities.

The mole says: "It will be Mr Giuliani's own 'blueprint for America', a kind of 'anti-Bonfires' manifesto that draws from his experience in running the world's most complex city. People are going to read it. People are going to take notice."

"A blueprint for America?" one asks. Isn't that just the sort of thing to make ordinary readers blanch? And does it not carry an unfortunate echo of Newt Gingrich's Contract with America. an embarrassing flop? "Of course," the mole conceded, "Mr Giuliani would never actually call his hook a 'blueprint'. That's not Giuliani-speak. His friends would just laugh at him.

"The man hasn't even thought of a title yet. But you leaf out of Gingrich's book. Expect something homely, like Our Great Nation, or Our Children's America, or Let's Fix America," Mr Giuliani is unlike any other

David Tang. the Hong Kong businessman famous for his lime-green jackets and sumptuous cars. brings a touch of Chinese precision to Madison Avenue next Friday, when he inaugurates Shangbai Tang, a 12.000 sq ft store. The time of the

opening? Precisely 6.18pm, as decreed by his feng shui consultant: any other time would be calamitous. Feng shui is the art of ensuring good fortune by "reading the environment as a dynamic web of real but invisi-ble connections between spaces, places

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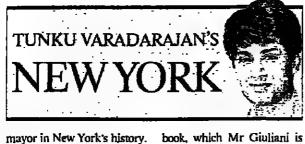
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book, which Mr Giuliani is Fiorello LaGuardia, John "most certainly not getting Lindsay, Vincent Impelliteri, ghost-written", will be about Ed Koch, David Dinkins: they drugs and the environment. all faded out of sight once their stints in City Hall were over. But Mr Giuliani's quest for a "blueprint" is clear proof

The first is a familiar Giuliani theme, and he has promised to "blitz" New York's drug barons. The second is a departure. The source says: "He doesn't see why the environment should not be a Republican rallying-cry.

"If litter on the streets is bad, so is litter in rivers and in the seas. Being pro-business doesn't mean being pro-pollution. Being an environmentalist need not mean living your life like the Amish." Mr Giuliani has not ap-

proached publishers yet, but once he does, we're talking a six-figure advance here". There will be speaking tours from Anchorage to Peoria. "what better way is there to start a long-term presidential campaign?"

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Reacting to reports

Justice for captain all at sea on Sabbath

WATCHERS of the Louise Woodward case who saluted the verdict of Judge Hiller Zobel would do well to realise that Massachusetts justice has not always been so generous. Consider this story, from pre-Barry Scheck times.

A certain Captain Kemble. a Bostonian, set out to sea in 1570. When he returned three years later, after a ghastly voyage, he thanked his wife for remaining faithful and kissed her lovingly on their doorstep. Unfortunately, it was a Sunday, and for "defil-ing the Sabbath with his lewd and unseemly conduct" the local magistrate made the poor seafarer stand for two hours in the stocks. A harsh verdict indeed.

It is a pity that there was no Judge Zobel then to whom Captain Kemble could turn for compassion.

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mour left her. Perhaps more questionably, she was stripped of her title by the

pageant's organisers.
However, Playboy Is
more sympathetic. In a pictorial spread titled "Miss Canada scores a knockout!", it portrays her as anything but a scrapper. "She lost her crown," the feature purrs, "but won control of her life."



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#### Poacher kills rare vulture

A female golden vulture has been shot by a Swiss poacher, seriously setting back attempts to return the birds to the Alps (Roger Boyes writes). The kill was also an embarrassment for the authorities who have made the bird the main logo for their bid to host the 2006 Winter Olympics.

The World Wide Fund for Nature, which has been breeding the vultures in captivity and then releasing them into the Alps where they used to nest until about 1880, said: The killing represents a huge loss. The bird was a big hope for the WWF; only one vulture pair has produced offspring since the project began.

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Moscow: The Federal Security Service, Russia's counter-espionage agency, said yesterday that it had detained an Iranian citizen who had tried to buy design documentation on missile technology.

A spokesman sald that the operation by the agency showed Russia's successes in preventing nuclear technologies leaking from the country, something which the West often has expressed concern about. (Reuters)

#### Son beheaded in Hindu ritual

Delhi: A man chopped off his son's head and offered it to the Hindu delty Kali in the belief that a human sacrifice would earn him divine favours, news agencies reported. Dharam Vir ordered his seven-year-old son to lie on the ground and beheaded him in Jind, in the northern state of Haryana. The father then offered the severed head to the goddess of destruction. (AFP)

#### Castro to attend Mass by Pope

Rome: The Pope will say Mass in Havana in front of President Castro at the climax of his historic five-day visit in January, the Vatican said. During his first trip to Cuba. the Pope, who first met Seno Castro at the World Food Summit in Rome last year. will have talks with the President (Reuters)

#### Bad hair day

Washington: The US Food and Drug Administration has been told that a pill to help balding people to grow hair or stop losing it is effective. But 4 per cent of men in a study reported side-effects including decreased sex drive and prob-



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THe value of shares in Sotheby's fell by 6 per cent over two days after its auction of the collection of the hotelier Evelyn Sharp dopped badly on Wednesday night. Arnoid Kaulman, editor of The Outlook, a New York-based investment advisory newsletter. said it was "a significant fall".
The day before the Sotheby's auction, Christie's

its arch-rivals, had one of the luctions of the century it sold the Ganz collection for a record \$206 million (£L24 million). There was no evidence at Christle's that the general interest of buyers' in fine art was waning. Elizabeth Easton, curator for European Painting and Sculpture at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, said: "The difference between Christie's and Sotheby's has never been as apparent as it is now. Whereas the Ganz collection would have overshad-



was the Sharp collection." However, there was some

relief for Sotheby's. The auction house said yesterday that a buyer came forward with \$9 million (£5.4 million) for a Modigliani that failed to sell at the Wednesday auction. It also sold a Renoir, Baigneuse, for \$20.9 million. Diana Brooks, Sotheby's chief executive, said they already had offers for two of the three



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# Pasternak's 'Lara' worked for KGB

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ARCHIVE material has come to light suggesting that one of the most celebrated love affairs of this century was a sham; that the inspiration for the Lara character in Boris Pasternak's Dr Zhivago was a KGB informer who tried to thwart the novel's publication in

Olga Ivinskaya, who died in September 1995 at the age of 83, had long epitomised the innocent victim of Communist oppression. A fervent admirer of Pasternak's poetry, she met her idol in 1946 when he was 56 and became his mistress and amanuensis at the

time he was writing Dr Zhivago. But Pasternak's poetry was attracting the ire of the authorities, who, while stopping short of taking direct action against such a respected literary figure, chose to hurt him through his mistress.

Ivinskaya was arrested in 1949 and sent to a labour camp for four years. During interrogation she miscarried, losing the child she had conceived with Pasternak. On her release in 1953, during the political thaw after Stalin's death, the couple were reunited lvinskaya moved into a dacha in the literary village of Peredelkino, just outside Moscow, where Pasternak lived with his second wife, Zinaida.

Their companionship lasted until his death in 1960, three years after Dr Zhivago was published in the West and the start of the official KGB archives show another side to the story. Extracts from the letters were published yesterday by the popular Moscow daily newspaper campaign of vilification against Pasternak that intensified after he Moskovsky Komsomolets. They include a direct appeal written to was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1958. Within months of his death, Ivinskaya was Khrushchev, then Soviet leader, after her second arrest in 1960, saying she had tried to dissuade arrested again, this time with her Pasternak from contacts with fordaughter, Irina. Both were sent to eign publishers and laying the the camps, Irina serving two years blame for the book's publication

with the author and his family. "Indeed, Pasternak received roy-alties from foreigners and lived off them with his family." Ivinskaya wrote. "Sometimes he would reterve them through me and some-times through members of his family. But he got them through me only because I was instructed by our highly placed organisations to prevent personal meetings be-tween him and foreigners and to substitute for him at such meetings."
Other letters contained further

"indications and hints" that Ivinskaya was working with the party central committee and other senior organs of power. Moskovsky

She was finally granted formal rehabilitation by the Soviet authorities in 1988, the year that Dr



Olga Ivinskaya, Pasternak's mistress and inspiration for the Lara figure in Dr Zhivago

### **Taleban** lifts bar on women in hospital

By Christopher Thomas NOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

THE Taleban militia in Afghani stan is again allowing women in Kabul, the capital, to receive hospital treatment. Females had been ordered not to use medical establishments where men are treated effectively denying them access to doctors and bringing the Islamic army into direct conflict with

international aid organisations.

The change of heart came after two months of difficult negotiations with Western humanitarian groups in Kabul, which are helping 17,000 families with widows as head of household. The denial of medical treatment, coupled with the refusal to let women work, left women desperate. But for international intervention, the widows and their children would now be

starving.
The International Committee of the Red Cross halted support to two medical facilities in Kabul in protest at the ban on women patients, denying them food, medical supplies and staff pay. The affair highlights the precarious position of foreign aid organisations in Afghanistan when their ethical standards come into conflict with Taleban's Islamic ideology.

### ANC poised to seal fate of Cape Town

DUBBED the Cape of Last Hope by whites on a reverse trek from the rest of the continent, and as a racist enclave after Desmond Tutu, the Nobel peace laureate, was twice refused the freedom of the city, Cape Town's future as South Africa's joint capital will be decided by African National Congress leaders

Under pressure to save on the high costs of having its administrative capital in Pre-toria and Parliament in Cape Town, senior members of the ANC-led Government are backing the pro-move lobby inside the party's national executive committee, which

this weekend.

They have argued that the costs of maintaining a double capital — £13 million in air fares alone — dictate that Parliament should be moved to Pretoria, or to a purposebuilt site between the admin-

Until last week, the debate over the future of Cape Town had been confined mainly to economic issues. But when the city council voted against a proposal to offer the freedom of the city to Archbishop Tutu, because he was chair

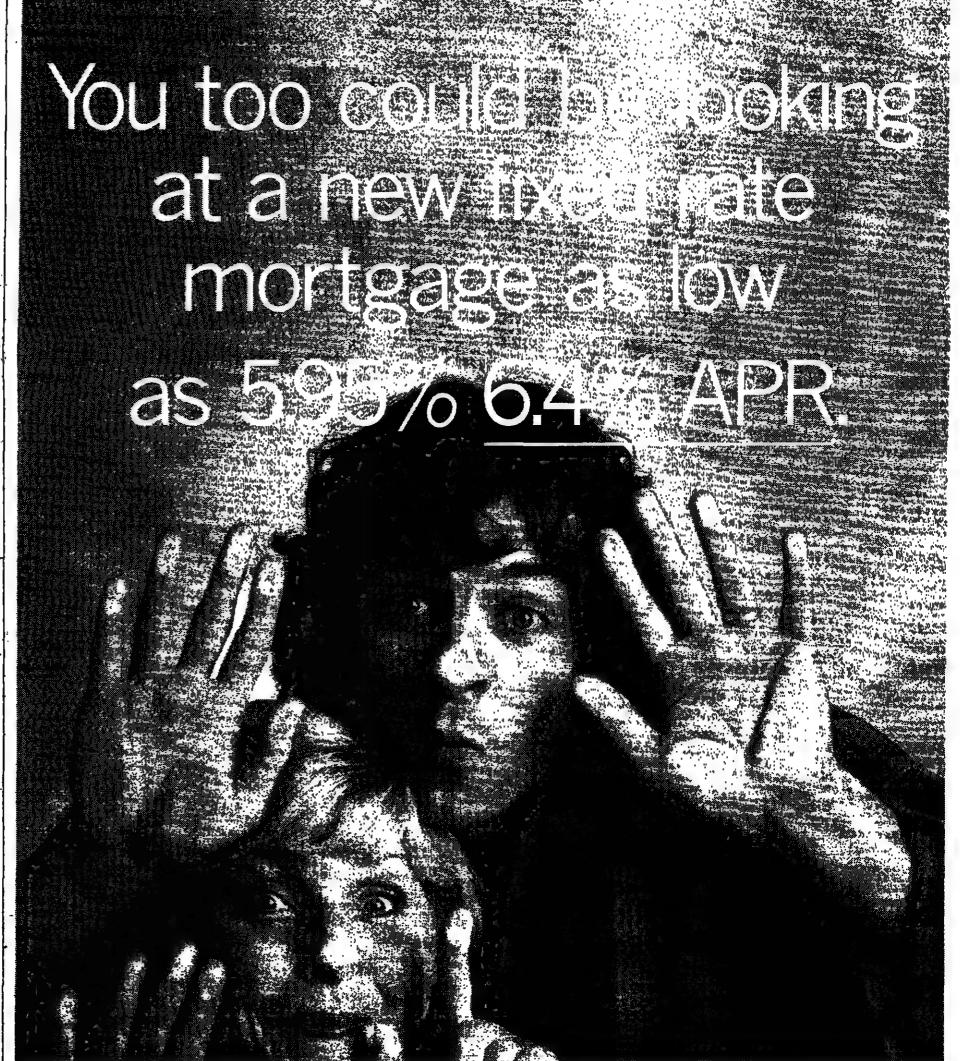
the city's future seemed in

Sources said that few members of the ANC executive, which largely dictates policy to the party, have any particu-lar affection for Cape Town. which is also the seat of the Western Cape provincial as-sembly, controlled by the Nat-

ional Party.
"Ironically, the only thing likely to preserve Cape Town's future as joint capital and home for Parliament is that the ANC may shy away from creating the Western Cape as a sort of breakaway republic for Afrikaans speakers," an ANC source said.

Lobbyists for keeping Par-liament in Cape Town say that the city stands to lose at least 10,000 jobs. After an outcry against their stubbing of Archbishop Tutu, Cape Town's council members this week voted to offer him the with characteristic good humour to the earlies votes against him and said that as he was in danger of becoming too much of an establishment figure, he had enjoyed being rejected by the councillors. ANC sources said other members may be





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# Britain and US bolster jet force for Gulf

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THE crews of six RAF Harrier GR7 ground attack\_aircraft have been put on 48 hours' notice to leave for possible deployment to the Gulf, John Reid, the Armed Forces Minister, said yesterday.

The change begins from Monday and they could be in Gibraltar on Wednesday to join the Royal Navy aircraft carrier, HMS Invincible, now on her way from Barbados. The Harriers from No

Squadron, based at RAF Wittering in Cambridgeshire, will be lined up alongside the Navy's Sea Harrier FA2s to provide a new-style "expedi-

tionary air group". Dr Reid told the Commons that the six RAF Harrier GR7s were having their state of alert changed from five days to 48 hours as a "sensible precautionary measure". The inten-

#### **WEAPONS**

tion is for the naval and RAF Harriers to complement each other in any joint action against Iraq.

The plan is to keep eight Sea Harriers on HMS Invincible and to make room for the six RAF Harrier GR7s by removing some of the anti-submarine warfare heliconters from the deck,

Although RAF Harrier GR3s used carrier platforms during the Falklands conflict in 1982 before they were able to create a landing area on the islands, this will be the first occasion when the Royal Navy and the RAF will be able to put into practice for an operational mission the newly formed concept of "jointery" favoured George Robertson, the



Defence Secretary. In this case, it will be the RAF and the Navy sharing a single platform for a joint mission. The Harrier GR7, which

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came into service in September 1992, is slightly larger than the other Harriers and can carry a maximum weapons load of 9.200lb, including laser-guided bombs. It has a normal combat range of more than 500 miles, but since it is with an air refuelling capability, the only range-limiting factor is the availability of tankers.

There are two squadrons, each with 16 Harrier GR7s. based at Laarbruch in Germany and one squadron at RAF Wittering, also with 16 aircraft. The Sea Harrier FA2 has a ground attack capability and can be equipped with laser-guided bombs, although its primary role is to protect the carrier. It is equipped with a sophisticated Blue Vixen radar and the advanced medium-range air-to-air missile (Amraam) system.

There are plans for the Royal Navy carriers to be refitted to put on a permanent basis the operational capability for a mixture of Sea. Harriers and Harrier GR7s. The ageing Sea Dart missile system will be removed and a new area created for stocking GR7 ordnance. When the

Navy's nuclear-powered sub-marines are fitted with Tomahawk cruise missiles, the combination will provide a

potent expeditionary force. The US Navy in the Gulf also has a greater potential for strikes against Iraq than ever before. In the past, US aircraft carriers have been able to support 100 sorties every 24 hours. However, after an exercise called Surgex in July, involving USS Nimitz. the nuclear-powered carrier now in the Gulf, the Americans increased the sortie level to 225 in 24 hours by adding 24 more

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# **UN** chief shocked by 'human shields'

PROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

KOFI ANNAN, the UN Secretary-General, said last night he was shocked by Iraq's use of civilians as "human

"I do not think women and children should be used in that situation." he said. "Even if they volunteered, if the Government thought there was going to be an attack, you do not put women and child-ren in harm's way." He was commenting on civilian volunteers who have gone to some government buildings

to defy any American attacks. The UN chief said he had "no indications" from any source that Iraq was ready to reverse its decision to bar Americans from working as United Nations inspectors.

Benon Sevan, the UN's top security co-ordinator, arrived in Baghdad yesterday to re-view the safety of the 200 UN staff working in the country as part of the UN-approved 'oil-for-food" deal that allows Iraq to sell a limited quantity of crude oil to buy humanitar-

the UN would withdraw its staff if it believed their lives were in danger.

Security The 15-nation Council haggled for eight hours before condemning Baghdad's expulsion American weapons inspectors "in the strongest possible terms". It recalled a two-weekold statement threatening "serious consequences" after Russia and France objected to language suggesting the use of force.



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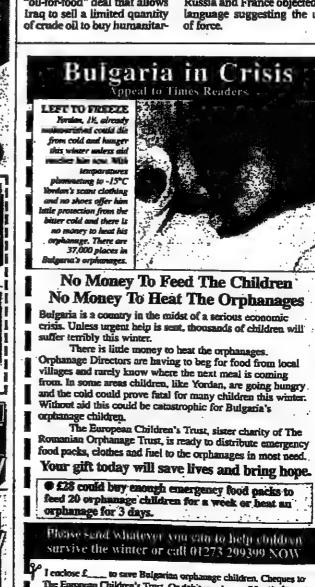
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An Australian UN arms inspector crosses into Jordan, one of 68 inspectors who left Iraq to show solidarity with six expelled American colleagues

# Saddam prepares weary nation for renewed conflict

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAO prepared its suffering people for new hostilities yesterday after United Nations arms inspectors left the econtry in protest at the expulsion of their American colleagues and the United States announced that it had sent a second aircraft carrier to the

State-run television showed Gulf War footage of American-led allied bombing raids on Baghdad while President Saddam Hussein's most trusted military force, the Special Republican Guard, was reportedly conducting largescale military exercises in Baghdad. These were aimed either at fostering the impression the country was on a war footing or were preparations to quell possible unrest of the kind that entipted after the Gulf War, opposition groups

said.
Only a skeleton staff was left in Baghdad to monitor Saddam's outlawed weapons programmes after 68 members of the UN Special Commission

flew to Bahrain.

The six expelled Americans, with two British and Australian colleagues, arrived in

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#### BAGHDAD

Jordan at dawn after a gruelling road journey across the Iraqi desert. Thousands of demonstrators had celebrated their departure in Baghdad. Left behind were seven staff to guard the monitoring centre in Baghdad and 12 Chilean soldiers who fly and service helicopters.

Iraqi officials freely admitted that they had emptied strategic facilities as a precaution against attack, while thousands of Iraqi "volunteer" human shields continued to throng a presidential palace in Baghdad, with one beaming couple choosing the novel venue to wed before television cameras.

Despite his defiant rhetoric, the Iraqi leader was said to be concerned that sustained American air or cruise missile strikes at facilities in southern Iraq could ignite another Shia

There were continuing clashes between the regime's forces and Shia rebels in several southern cities, including Basra. Nasiriyeh and Amara, according to unconfirmed reports by the opposition Iraqi National Congress.



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# Rebuke for Netanyahu

#### - ISRAEL

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

AN UNSMILING Madeleine Albright told the Israeli Prime Minister yesterday that it was time to end the deadlock in the Middle East peace process. Without any preliminary courtesies, she began a joint

press conference with Binyamin Netanyahu by saying: "I made clear that for the sake of the Middle East peace process and broader international interest, it was time for us to move on the peace process." She had conveyed to Mr Netanyahu her sense of urgency. Mr Netanyahu, looking uncharacteristically chastened after talks that stretched well beyond the schedule, said their discussions had been "useful". He said that her call for a purposeful effort would resonate deeply in Israel; with goodwill and a great deal of effort and assistance by Mrs Albright, he hoped to find

Ms Albright made no effort to hide her frustration. Barely smiling, exchanging none of the usual banter and at times sharply undercutting Mr Netanyahu's assertions, she said



Madeleine Albright with Binyamin Netanyahu at yesterday's frosty press conference

that she would also convey the same message today to Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, in Geneva — that it was essential for Middle East peace that both sides should live up to the agreements they had made. The talks were said to have overrun because of a heated discussion about President Clinton's refusal to receive Mr Netanyahu when he

goes on to America.

She refused to link the situation in Iraq with the peace process, saying that the two had discussed the issues

separately. Neither would be drawn on military options. Ms Albright, who earlier held talks in Edinburgh on Iraq with the Foreign Secretary, said she had expressed her deep concern about what was happening, but "it is not the time to engage in speculation about military action". America was working hard in an

intense diplomatic effort,
It is essential for us to work
together so that Saddam Hussein gets the message that he
must reverse course. He must

dam Hussein against the world." American strategy was to combine intense diplomacy with a "robust" military presence in the Gulf.

Mr Netanyahu said that the whole world was concerned with what was happening in Iraq, and Israel supported American efforts to find a suitable end to Iraqi infractions. "We live in a tough neighbourhood," he said.

Ms Albright returned repeatedly to the need to get the Israeli-Palestinian talks going again. She said her agenda had covered security, further redeployment of israeli troops in the occupied territories, a "time-out" in building new Jewish settlements and the "final settlement" in the Oslo

"final settlement" in the Oslo process.

She gave a clear hint that she had not received the assurance she sought on halting settlements. "I am reserving judgment on what we have accomplished," she said drily. On terrorism, she said there must be "a 100 per cent effort

to control violence and terror and that must be over time."

Mr Netanyahu complained that there were many injustices in the representation of his Government's position. Israel was committed to fulfilling agreements and called on the Palestinians to do the same, including the implementation of the promise to scrap the call in the Palestinian National Charter for the

destruction of Israel.

Mrs Albright will call in at Qatar after seeing Mr Arafat, where she will attend the economic summit that most Arab countries are boycotting. She said she was going "because America keeps its word" and because the conference was an important part of the attempts to integrate the Arab

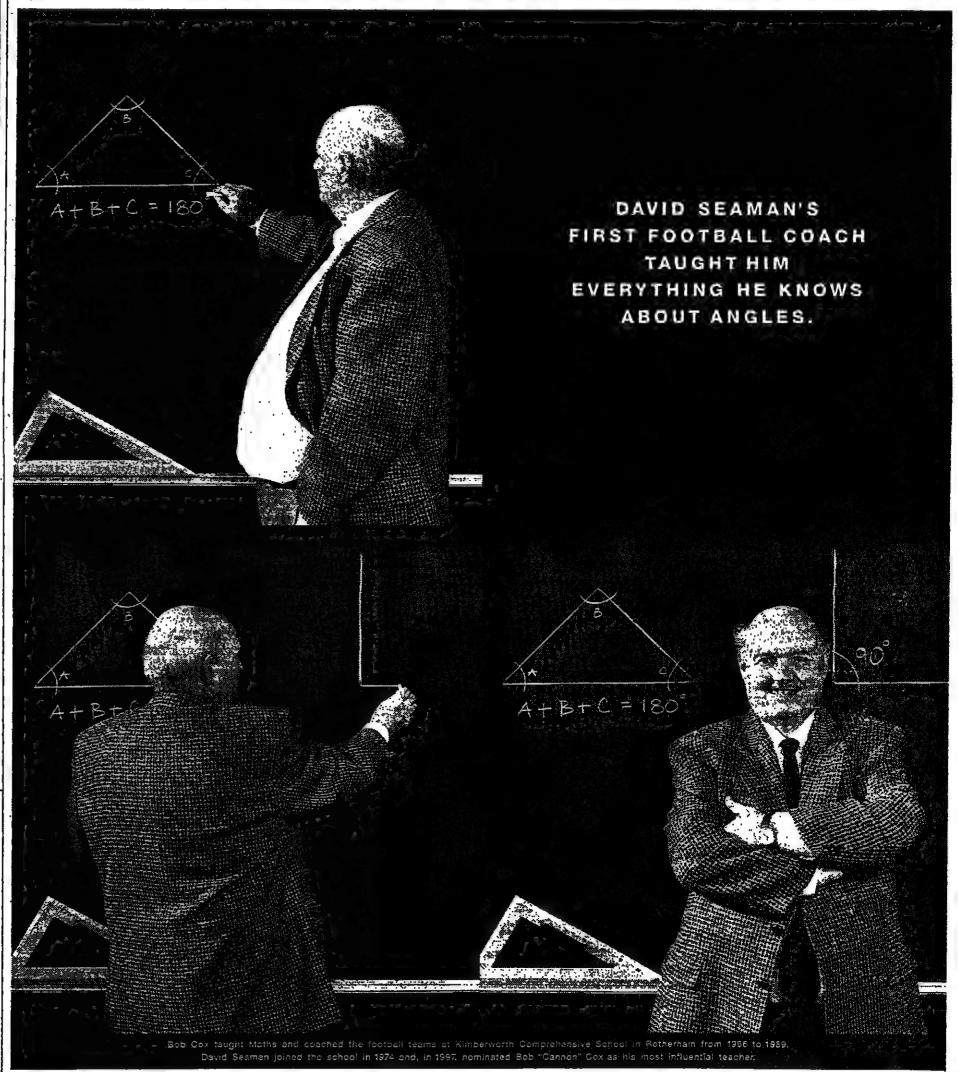
Bombing suspect 'safe' in Baghdad

By Tunku Varadar um in new york

AN IRAQI wanted in connection with the 1993 bombing of the New York World Trade Centre is living with his family in Baghdad, according to the FBI. Abdul Rahman Yasin is sought for his alleged role in the plot which killed six people and injured thousands. He was one of several suspects detained after the bombing. but was re-

leased after questioning.
Mr Yasin, 36, was born
in Bloomington, Indiana,
to Iraqi immigrant parents. The family returned
to Baghdad in the mid-

A Federal Indictment accuses him of teaching Mohammed Salameh, one of the convicted conspirators, how to drive the rental van that carried the bomb to the underground garage at the World Trade Centre.



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A LOOPHOLE in the law allowed the killer of an 18month-old haby girl to escape justice yesterday when the couple who had been accused of the child's murder admitted

Murder charges against Lavinia Adams, the baby's mother, and her boyfriend, John Sherrington, had to be dropped because police could not establish who had struck the fatal blow.

Child welfare experts believe that every week at least two children are killed by a parent or partner who is protected by the couple's refusal to say what happened. The NSPCC, parents and MPs have long campaigned for a change in the law but despite an investigation by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, no action has been taken.

Yesterday Sherrington, who taped the screams of Sarah Adams as he abused her, abandoned his not guilty pleato crucity and apologised to the Old Bailey jurors who had been obliged to listen to the recording. "I'm sorry you had to listen to that tape," he said. The baby was admitted to

hospital last November with skull fractures and brain damage. She had bruises all over her head and body and bite marks on her shouder and feet, and died two days later.

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as accused admit

only cruelty and neglect, reports

#### Kathryn Knight

on which he could be heard telling Sarah: "I've got a mixture for you. You can have some car wash mixed with bleach, mixed with paint. A really nice drink for you." Another tape was of the baby's screams as he held her in a juda lack.

Last week Sherrington punched the air in triumph when the murder charge against him was dropped at the Old Bailey. Prosecutors in such "joint enterprise" cases have to prove who struck the fatal blow. Magistrates in Sutton, Surrey, had dropped the murder charge against Adams, 31, because of insufficient evidence. Yesterday the pair admitted cruelty and neglect and can be sentenced

only to a maximum ten years. Sherrington, in custody, and Adams, who is on bail. now await sentencing on December 15. But police feel that officer said: "When you know the sort of things they did to

her, then this is a travesty." The problem surfaced in 1988, when Christine Mason and her boyfriend, Roy Astonthe, were tried for the manslaughter of Doreen Mason, aged 18 months. Doreen died of multiple injuries. many of which suggested she had been swung by the ankles and smashed against the wall of her home in Walworth, South London. The two defendants were jailed for 12 years but three years later the Appeal Court overturned their sentence on the basis that it was impossible to tell who

had inflicted the fatal injuries. Since then, several cases have highlighted this loophole, such as that of Chanel Hedman, who died in 1990 after suffering 15 rib fractures. Her parents, Sally Emery and Brian Hedman, were jailed for cruelty because the police could not prove who had inflicted the fatal injury.

NSPCC spokesman said: "We feel outrage that children are dying violent deaths in their own homes, without any suggestion of involvement of an external third party, and yet parents or carers are apparently escaping full responsibility. It's too late to protect these children to stop others being killed in





John Sherrington and Lavinia Adams: neither would admit to having killed Adams's baby daughter

### Obsession blinded mother to abuse

THERE was no evidence of abuse against Sarah Adams until her mother began a disastrous four-month relationship with Sherrington (Kathryn Knight writes). Within two months the child was showing signs of being beaten but nobody intervened to save her.

Adams and Sherrington lived only doors away on the same run-down estate in Sutton, Surrey. She lived with her parents after splitting up with her alcoholic partner. He lived on his own after his wife left home with their

Sherrington has three other children

wife. Adams has a 14-month-old son, who has been adopted.

The two met only a couple of weeks after the birth of Adams's second child. and within days Adams had moved in

with her two young children. Soon, neighbours noticed bruising on Sarah's face and heard repeated yelling, slapping noises and shouting from the threebedroom flat. A senior police officer investigating

Sarah's death said Sherrington had a power complex and enjoyed wielding influence over Adams, testing her to see how much he could hurt Sarah. "It seems they had a weird sexual relationship. But made her immune to what he was doing. Her relationship with him was more important that the safety of her child,"

Over the next (we months, despite frequent sightings by neighbours, visits to the GP and and home visits by a local NHS trust health worker, Sarah's plight

Four days before Sarah died, a neighbour. Deborah Knowles, called at the couple's flat and saw Sarah "like a rag doll, limp, glassy-eyed, staring va-cantly and with purple bruises all over-ber face".

# Parish refuses to pay auditor's fee

By Simon de Bruxelles

A PARISH council is defying the Audit Commission and refusing to pay its fee for checking its books.

The £65.80 bill for going through the 16 entries in the accounts ledger is a significant proportion of the council's £420 annual budget. The money raised from the residents of Mappowder in Dorset pays for annual repairs to the bus shelter and subsidises the cost of running the village hall. The population is so small — 170 — that the council is officially called the Village

Meeting. Its chairman, Bill Woodhouse, a company director, has been refusing to pay the accountancy fees since April. He said: "If ever a bureaucracy invented a huge hammer to crack a non-existent nut, then

Mr Woodhouse argues that, in common with other small rural organisations, it would be easy to find an accountant to check the books for free, especially as he estimates that there is no more than 15 minutes' work involved.

The Meeting's treasurer, Alan Trevellick, a retired bank administrator, said: "They called for the book to audit the 1995-96 accounts in about April last year. We had to take the book ten miles over to Blandford Forum, the nearest town, and they kept it for more than a month before telling us we could have it back. They didn't send a bill for ages and it finally arrived this year, and we don't have the money

A spokeswoman for the Audit Commission said: "We were set up by the Conservatives during the 1980s to look at how all monitor are spent by lead authorities are spent by local authorities. There are costs incurred in this, and there is a minimum fee to be

#### NEWS IN BRIEF Paedophile sentenced to 7 years for assault

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A paedophile with a history of molesting young boys dating from 1981 was starting a seven-year jail sentence yester-day. Stephen Carruthers, 39, a married father of two children, of Moston, Greater Man-chester, would befriend boys and gain their parents' confidence before his attacks.

The indecent assault occurred a year ago when the IIyear-old victim and two friends visited Carruthers's former home in Salford to watch television. Judge Stuart Fish said at Minshull Street Crown Court, Manchester, that he was passing a longer sentence than normal to protect other children. He ordered that Carruthers be placed on the sex offenders' register.

#### Shot WPC dies

A former policewoman whose career ended when she was shot in the back and paralysed 15 years ago dealing with a domestic row has been found dead. Maureen Martin, 41, was found at her home near Matfen, Northumberland, early on Friday. The cause of death is not known.

#### Salvage delay

Bad weather has again delayed the operation to recover a fishing boat, with the bodies of four men on board, from the sea bed. The trawler Sapphire sank six weeks ago, 12 miles off Peterhead, Aberdeenshire. The families of the men chartered a crane to ensure they could be given a proper burial.

#### Bullion for him

Michael McAvoy, serving 25 years for the E26 million Brink's-Mat bullion robbery, failed in an attempt to have his high-security status reduced. Mr Justice Harrison refused in the High Court to allow McAvoy to seek judicial re-view of the Prison Service decision not to downgrade him.

#### Beach polluted

Lumps of solidified coconut oil have covered a one-mile stretch of Chesil Beach at Portland, Dorset. The oil escaped after a collision between two tankers nearly two months ago. Slicks have also been reported in parts of the mouth.

#### Goal in one

Simon Dawson, oft 4in centre half for the Fingerpost Flyers is claiming a place in football history after scoring a goal directly from the kick-off during a second division match of the Stockport and Cheadle Sunday league. Before a re-cent Fifa rule change such a shot would have been illegal.

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# Macho bosses learn to soften up

Dominic Kennedy on the arrival of the manager's personal counsellor

lue-chip companies including Norwich Union, NatWest UK, Chase Manhai-

tan and KPMG are investing hundreds of thousands of pounds in providing top managers with personal counsellors to teach them how to get the best out of their staff. The individual coaches aim

to improve performance by highlighting weaknesses and making the bosses better team leaders and motivators. Such qualities are now seen as more important by recruiters than traditional business virtues such as vision, attention to detail and strategic thinking. The autocratic management style, common in the Thatcherite 1980s as overstressed bosses struggled to cope with larger workloads and smaller workforces, is low perceived as out of date.

Some employers are trying to shame their more "macho" managers — usially male into being caring and sharing by asking their underlings to give anonymous assessments of their performance. A coun-sellor then tactfully tells the boss what his colleagues really think of him.

Counsellors have become the latest status symbol in corporate America For two or three hours a week they pro-vide a shoulder to cry on for managers who dare not tell colleagues about domestic strife, career worres or per-sonality clashes for fear of appearing weak.

The counsellors in turn encourage bosses to listen to their staff more, bester morale and spot weaknesses that can harm performance. However, at £250 an hour counsel- myself was totally different been promoted to be president ling sessions can only be from other people's. I wasn't of his company's European

offered to a handful of rising

executives. Employers such as Nat-West, which uses personal mentors for its rising stars, have tried to abolish the bullying boss and have made it a disciplinary offence to be unpleasant to subordinates. The old autocratic management type no longer exists," Bob Pedlingham, of the bank's human resources section, said. "Managers are responsible for developing staff and acting fairly and responsibly."

NatWest is still the exception in Britain. A study of 5,000 managers by the Insti-tute of Management shows that most of those below boardroom level are suffering from poor morale, have no fun at work and often think about leaving their job. Ten per cent admit they are "often" bullied by their own bosses.

Tom Williams, 48, a Vietnam veteran, is a former US Navy captain who commanded cruisers and destroyers before working in the Pentagon and the White House. He thought he knew how to be a lesder of men when he joined Thomas Group, a major multinational consulting company. But his employers, based in Dallas, Texas, assigned a softly-spoken Englishman, John O'Brien, to be his personal counsellor. "I was sceptical," Mr Williams said. "I looked at it as demeaning

was over 50." Mr Williams told Mr O'Brien: "You're going to waste my time," but in the end he was converted. "My perception of myself was totally different

that my bosses thought

wasn't good enough, that I had

to be trained like this when I



Toad reveals some of the more disagreeable aspects of his tadpolehood in counselling sessions with Heron

### Suicidal Toad saved by therapy

MR TOAD, bedtime story hero to generations of children, suffers from clinical depression and threatens to commit suicide in a new follow-up to The Wind in the Willows. The muchloved riverbank character is only saved when Ratty, Mole and Badger persnade him to go for counselling.

Robert de Board, a management consultant, has written the follow-up to Kenneth Grahame's classic novel based on the 20 years of therapy he has

given to fraught executives.

The book, published next Thursday, begins with Mole visiting a neglected Toad Hall to find his once exuberant old friend with hooded, dull eyes, wearing a cricket sweater covered in food stains, bursting into tears. Ratty finds an advertisement for a

qualified counsellor in the Bankside Bugle and decides to recommend him to Toad because, Rat says, "I am worried that he might do something

Mr de Board, who works at Henley

interrupting them and talking

over them. I would jump to

solutions without even know-

ing all the facts. It really woke

me up because I had thought I

was really good. I am proba-

bly more caring now." Since

meeting Mr O'Brien four

years ago, Mr Williams has

listening to people. I was arm. Mr O'Brien, 45, who

runs Hanover Executives in

association with Coutts Con-

sulting Group of London, has

been called in to improve the

managers in some public-

sector organisations, includ-

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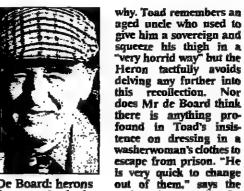
repeated for 'up to a year.

Management College, introduces a new character, Heron, as the counsellor, because the herons he sees along the Thames always look so wise. This Heron charges £40 for a session of transactional analysis. Inevitably, all Toad's problems stem from his unhappy tadpolehood. He admits he contemplated suicide when things seemed so black that I could see no

way out and I thought

that I might do something silly". The Heron explains to Toad that he has been in the "child ego state". Over ten counselling sessions, it emerges that Toad had a stern. demanding father, who dominated his mother. Toad remembers few cuddles.

Although Mr Toad is still a bachelor 89 years after the novel was first published, his counsellor never asks



De Board: herons

"360 degree feedback" to tell

engineering managers how other people see them. His consultancy, Coping Strate-gies, is hired for £20,000 a

time by companies who want

bosses to shed their aggression

and become more subtle and

refined. "Very often we have to

vestite." Mr de Board, 65, has read The Wind in the Willows every year since he was seven. After Toad, his next target may be a Lewis Carroll classic. "It would be lovely to analyse Alice."
Mr de Board said, "but God knows what you would pull up from the rabbit

Howard Kahn, 53, of Heriot shake management out of its Watt University in Edintraditional ways of operating. burgh, uses a technique called That is particularly true here

management operates in an

organisation which stresses

the blame culture. If anything

goes wrong, you the subordi-

nate are to blame, not me the

manager. People are less will-

why. Toad remembers an

aged uncle who used to

give him a sovereign and

squeeze his thigh in a very horrid way but the

this recollection. Nor

does Mr de Board think

found in Toad's insis-

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author of Counselling for Toads. "He is not a trans-

ing to accept that now. Managers who treat people as in Scotland where you have better productivity." the traditional macho manag-er," Dr Kahn said. "Macho

dinates, bosses, peers and customers who give their opin-

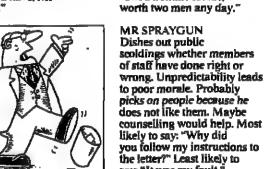




MR PSYCHOPATH MRS CAN'T COPE Bullied and friendless in Under enormous pressure childhood, his life's ambition from her own bosses. is to wield power over Bullying becomes her other people to compensate management style as a way to for his own insecurity. cope with stress. Can be Probably incurable. Should helped with counselling. Most likely to say: "Just not be in management post. Most likely to say: "I've do it. If you don't like the job. got a motto, never trust someone else will have it.



MS INSECURE Picks on talented subordinate who seems to be on fast track to promotion. Most likely to say: "Young Perkins may have a masters degree in information technology but he's still wet behind the ears." Least likely to say: "What lovely spreadsheet skills you have, Mr Perkins."



responsible adults will get A typical company will offer the personal counselling service to half a dozen carefullychosen senior executives. Each is assessed by about 40 subor-

counselling would help. Most likely to say: "Why did you follow my instructions to the letter?" Least likely to say: "It was my fault,"

MR MISOGYNIST

subordinates. Wants to put

women down as he has a

domineering mother or a

he is doing wrong. Most

likely to say: "Has all that

peroxide mushed up your

brain?" Least likely to say:

"She's a smart cookie,

successful. Probably unaware

Picks on female

wife who is more

Kahn's team. The bosses are then gently told how to be less nasty. Some cannot bear to give up

shouting and throwing their weight around. Dr Kahn said: Many managers get the results and say: Thank you very much, goodbye.' We say: Thank you and we will send the invoice'. It's a waste of our time, very disappointing."

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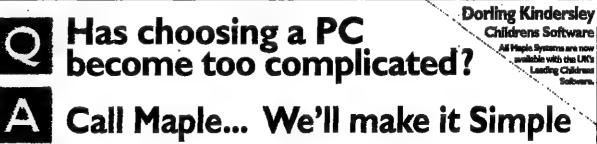
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# Old wines in new bottles



THE relaunch of Blue Nun, now setting its wimple at a new generation of wine drinkers, and of Paul Masson carafes signals a resurgence of the wine lover's greatest bug-bear — branded wines aimed at the mass market,

Brands have never been dominant in the wine business, where variety is of the essence. But a successful brand can be worth up to £100 million and may corner up to 4 per cent of the market.

They are likely to be the wines that linger long in a generation's memory of its earliest wine-drinking ex-

The price of such success is certain condemnation later in life. As tastes develop and become more sophisticated, so people experiment more widely and recoil in horror at the thought of what they used to

Some hugely successful brands have died of shame. Hirondelle, for example, an all-purpose plonk that dominated the cheap wine market briefly in the early 1970s, is mercifully no more.

Others soldier on, still held in affection by a dwindling clientele. Others try to rein-vent themselves and find a new generation of devotees. Blue Nun was one of these, with sales down from more than a million cases in the peak years of the 1970s to fewer than 100,000 in 1995. Now restyled and re-

launched in a blue bottle, sales

Robin Young holds his nose as he helps Jane MacQuitty with a Naff Wine Guide

are already recovering to some extent, up by 80 per cent since a new agency undertook the representation in

The Paul Masson California wine carafes, which enjoyed years of popularity in the early 1980s and were then withdrawn from the market, are attempting a comeback under new ownership. Whether their success can be repeated remains to be seen, but the

> **6** People recoil in horror at the thought of the wines they used to enjoy 🤊

omens do not look good. judging from a trial tasting undertaken yesterday by Jane MacQuitty, the wine correspondent of The Times.

Miss MacQuitty said: "It frankly makes me sick to think that the nine-tenths of the population who still scarcely ever drink wine may be persuaded to think that wine is all like these. The big-selling branded wines, aimed at novice consumers and widely



advertised, represent all the excesses of wine-making at its

The popular branded wines are never good value for money, and most wine drinkers would find them undrink-

With Miss MacQuitty's help, therefore, we compiled a Naff Wine Guide, for which we tasted the biggest-selling popular brands that will invite only scorn if you confess to

The wines to avoid are mass-produced. mass-marketed ones," Miss MacQuitty advised. "Avoid anything in a wine box, anything called Liebfraumilch and be chary of anything you see advertised. There is a lot of truth in the old adage that a good wine needs no bush. Word of mouth recommendations are worth any number of advertise-

"Frankly, all the wines in my under £3.50 selection in my top 100 wine selection were infinitely superior to those I have tasted today, though these cost in some cases almost twice as much."

Miss MacQuitty scores wines out of 20 on a scale on which a mark of 12 is required for the wine to be considered "acceptable", in our tasting results opposite — the highestscoring branded wine we sampled rated no better than a

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#### BLUE NUN

£3.99 for 75ci. Origin: launched on British market by H Sichel of . Mainz in 1921.

Peak sales: 1970s, when it sold more than a milhon cases a year.

Proudest moment: Listed by the Savoy in the 1930s. Nadir: Chosen as favourite tipple by Alan Partridge. Now: Relaunched, no longer described as a Liebfraumitch, and with a restyled, simplified label,

in a taller, slimmer bottle. Now "fruit-led, crisper

and the result of supenor vinification", the distributors say. IMQ verdict: "Quantumly better than it was, but with a weird spicy scent and a very thin palate. No one who drinks wine is going to enjoy it. There is still a lot of sugar there, and it is a wine that gets to your fillings and attacks your teeth enamel,

#### **VEUVE DU VERNAY**

JMQ score: 7/20.

68.29 for 75cl. Origin: Long-established French sparkling

Pent sales 1920s and 1950s. Now: Still salls well. Providest manual: Once mistaken for champagne in a blind tasting by a very ignorant wine writer.

JMQ verdict: "Revolting tasts and

#### **MATEUS ROSE**

JMQ score: 3/20

\$3,99 a litre (special offer). Origins Portugal. Ubiquitous best seller of late 1960s, with dumpy bottle favoured as lampstand. Peak sales: At its peak sold more in Boloin than all the rest of particularly among the over-50s. Property specials Festured in

Madir: Boot sales were overrun with Mateus Rosé lamps in late 1930s. MIQ vertict: "Gross. Sweet, with a jemmy, dirty flavour as if it had been made with sediment of old Victoria piums. 1310 serve 3/20

#### LAMBRUSCO (Light Rosato)

62.09 for 75d. Origin: Emilia-Romagna in Italy. Low-alcohol frizzente pink wine. Peak sales in the 1990s Lambrusco became lagar drinkers' half-way house to drinking wine. Now: Sales have dipped slightly. JMQ verdict: "Cheep, sweet and neaty, but at least it is not pretending to be anything it isn't."



PIAT D'OR Vin Blanc Sec. Vin de Phys du Gers £3.89 for 75cl, and Rouge, Vin de Pays d'Oc. £3.89 for 75cl. Origin: Long-established brand, sold in distinctive skittle shaped bottles.

Peak sales: In Britain, and in recent years. Unknown to the French.

Now: Preparing for a bumper Christmas. Proudest moment: Red recently won a bronze in the International Wine and Spirit Championships. (Take no notice of such awards).

INQ verdict: White: "Oxidised and sulphury. The grape Juice from which this has been made must have been left open to the air. Very acrid." Red: "Blue-tinted colour, really nasty perfume, smells confected and is. There is no excuse for this."

INQ scores: White 5/20 Red 5/20

#### BLACK TOWER 1996 Rivaner Rheinhessen Qualitätswein

£3.49 for 75cl (special offer). Origine Like Blue Nun it used to be a Liebfraumlich. Peak sales: Some time ago. Liebfraumilch sales in Britain have been tumbling since the 1980s. Now: Restyled and relaunched as a varietal. Rivaner is another name

for Muller-Thurgau, the German workhorse grape. JMQ verdict: "Chemical, oxidised. Thin yet flabby. Tastes of nothing at all, except possibly cardboard and syrup. JHQ score: 4/20

#### **ERNEST AND JULID GALLO** Dry Reserve California Red Wine

\$3.75 for 75cl (special offer).

Origin: Gallo, established in 1933 in California, became biggest US winery on success of cheap "jug" wines.

Peak sales: Sales increasing in Britzin fairly steadily.

How: Trying to establish itself more strongly in premium wine markets with more expensive styles. Dry Reserve is the bottom of the range.

JRIQ vardict: "Blue-tinted colour, which does not comfrom grapes. Jammy, ecrid."

#### **MOUTON CADET**

\$8.99 for 75cl. and Mouton Cadet Bordeaux Sec (white), £3.99 for 75cl. Origin: Launched by Baron Philippe de Rothschild in early 1930s to trade on name of his classified estate, Mouton-Rothschild,

Peak sales: Probably now for the red, with huge demand from the Far East. Now: Very expensive for wines of very mediocre quality.

JMQ vertict: Red, 1995 vintage: "Dry, stalky, grassy, thin and unpleasant. Quite an ement to make such poor wine in such a universally good vintage for the region." White: "Sulphurous, rubbery, disagreeable."



#### PAUL MASSON California Red, White and Rosé

Origin: Paul Messon, a Burgundlan who married into the American wine industry and founded his own company. Peak salest in Britain were in the early 1980s. Proudest moment: Relaunched red commended in 1997

Now: Relaunched by new brand owner, the Canandalgua Wine Company. Advertised as "abundantly quaffable and made for

JISQ vertical: "The white has a stanch of some perfume phial. Sweet, perfumed, flabby and foul. The rose stinks too, of burnt licquorice, burnt jam and coughdrops. It makes me want to gag. The red has a dustbin smell, enother gage JMQ ecores: White 3/20, Burel 2/20, Bell 2/20.

#### JACOB'S CREEK Dry Riesling 1996

£4.59 for 75cl (special offer). Origins The most vigorously advertised Australian range.

Now: On offer in most supermarkets and wine merchants. JiffQ verdict: This is sayed only by the fact that Riesling is Australia's least desired grape, so they have been able to get some strong varietal character in the elly smell. But



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# \* Schools learn how to boost league position

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general studies for a minority of

degree courses could not explain the

increase in examination entries.

The league tables give schools a

clear incentive to add a subject that

often involves very little teaching,

tables shortly after the Government

took office, ministers were urged to

liter the GCSE score on which

schools are ranked because of

possible distortion, but they chose to

Following a review of league

EDUCATION EDITOR

THE TIMES SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15 1997

GROWING numbers of state and independent schools are being accused of adopting several ploys to improve their standing in govern-ment league tables to be published

Rising pass rates at GCSE and A level will be reflected in the majority of schools' results, but some institutions have stolen a march on their rivals. Among the ploys they have used are the addition of general studies to the A-level menu, targeted teaching for pupils just below the threshold for inclusion in the main GCSE rankings, and the expulsion of disruptive low achievers.

The tables to be published on Tuesday will register a sharp in-crease in the number taking A level in general studies, boosting the standing of scores of schools. Although most top universities say that they do not recognise the subject as a full A level, the number summer from 63,000 to 73,000. The subject has now overtaken mathematics in popularity, leaving it second to English in the number of

Summer league tables produced by The Times and other newspapers exclude general studies, but government statistics do not. Schools that take the subject can boost the average score of each pupil sufficiently to leap 100 places or more up the national ranking for A level.

Friars School in Carlisle was among

the top 60 independent schools in the Government's tables, but out-

summer ranking.
David Roberts, the subject officer for general studies at the Northern Examinations and Assessment Board, ackowledged that schools were influenced in adopting the subject by its effect on league tables. But, he added: "Schools also know that a lot of universities accept general studies in August and September, whatever they may say

officially." However, Alan Smithers, head of Brunel University's Centre for Edu-tation and Employment Research benchmark against which to judge improvement. With schools rated on the propor-

tion of pupils achieving five highgrade passes, many have been accused of giving extra attention to pupils at the margins of this mark, to the exclusion of others. Research by the pressure group Article 26 has shown that recent increases in performance at GCSE have been much higher among such pupils than other groups.

Pass rates among the poorest quarter of GCSE candidates have declined since 1992, while the next quarter have made more progress than those with the highest grades. Charles Bell, who produced the analysis for Article 26, said that only a points system similar to the one used at A level would ensure that all

ranking. Carol Taylor Fitz-Gibbon. professor of education at Durham University, said: "It is widely accepted no that schools concentrate on students on the horderline between C and D grades. It is understandable that the Government wants consistency, but that is not reason enough to persevere with an indicator that distorts behaviour so

Schools have also been accused of carrying out an annual "cull" of persistent truants and disruptive pupils who have little prospect of achieving five GCSE passes. Only by expelling them before the De-partment for Education and Employment carries out its census of pupils can a school ensure that such low achievers do not depress its league table score.



Blakeley: was confident that right would prevail

#### Teacher is cleared of hitting disruptive schoolboy

By PAUL WILKINSON

A JUNIOR school head teacher accused of slapping an unruly pupil was yesterday cleared of assaulting the 10-

year-old boy.
The jury at Bradford Crown
Court took less than 30 minutes to find Jan Blakeley, a teacher with 26 years' experience, not guilty of causing actual bodily harm to the child during an art lesson in December, Judge Ian Dobkin ordered that the costs of the three-day trial, estimated to run into five figures, should be paid from central funds.

Outside court, Mr Blakeley. 47, said he felt no bitterness that the charge had been brought. He has been on sick leave since the incident and resigned in June to take an administrative post with his education authority. He said: "I don't know whether I will want to return to teaching after this. I have been told there is no bar on my returning: it is a decision I will have

to make in the coming weeks." The incident at Crosland Moor Junior school in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, happened when Mr Blakeley was standing in for a col-league. He had already told the boy, who had a reputation for disruption, to stop causing trouble on several occasions. The child was pulling his sweater over his head, singing and calling out.

Mr Blakeley went over to him and took hold of him with one hand. The child claimed he had seized him by the throat and slapped him with his other hand, but Mr Blakeley maintained that he had merely cupped the boy's chin and then pushed his head towards his work. A doctor later found the boy's cheek to

be reddened and swollen. Outside court Mr Blakeley said: "Perhaps with hindsight I should have taken the work to the child rather than trying to turn his head to the work. I was confident of the outcome I had faith that right would

#### Boy sent to Ghana for better education

BY PAUL WHITTAKER

A BOY of 13 has been sent to study in Africa because his parents say the British educa-

tion system has failed him. Charlotte and Albert Nightingale, of Basingstoke, Hampshire, said yesterday that they resorted to sending their son Deryl to school in the former British colony of Ghana because of the lack of discipline and poor standard of leaching at home.

Mrs Nightingale, who arranged for her son to live with his aunt in the capital Accra, described the Ghanaian education policy as "a legacy of the British colonial system that has been kept and improved on".

They concentrate on the three Rs. making sure that grammar, spelling and punctuation are correct. In Ghana mistakes are unacceptable. If a child doesn't achieve, he isn't allowed to move on to the next level. Schools here seem to let children just go on up through the years and classes whether they have reached the re-

quired grade or not." Mrs Nightingale, who was born and educated in Ghana before coming to England 24 years ago, said her homeland had a strict authoritarian education system no longer exer-

cised in British schools. "Deryl was very wayward and his discipline was just crazy. He wasn't achieving or progressing, so something had to be done, said Mrs. is white and works as a sales

Before he left, Deryl hadn't even learned the basics," she said. "He struggled to write a one-page letter that wasn't full of mistakes. Now he is writing well-written six-page letters. His behaviour has also improved dramatically."

# How a Yorkshire boyhood made me what I am today

William Hague recalls his Seventies schooldays

as one of 1,800 pupils at a coalfield comprehensive KNOW how important it is dock. We lived four and a half to get a good start in life. I miles away from my school, was lucky enough to go to one but because the school bus

of the best schools in South took a round-about route, it Yorkshire, Wath-upon-Dearne Comprehensive. used to take me at least 40 minutes every morning to get In those days you could not choose which school you sent your children to; the local authority did. My parents just happened to live within I liked most subjects. My favourite subjects - no surprises here — were history and politics, I focused on 19th-century British history, and devoured books on Disraeli Wath-upon-Dearne's catch-ment area. Parents of friends of mine did not, and their children went to far worse and Gladstone. I also learnt about European history in the 17th and 18th century, an schools. The Conservatives

gave parents greater freedom of choice in education, and

the league tables - an inno-

vation which was met with

opposition from many quar-

ters when they launched five

years ago — have given parents the information with

which to make that choice.

When I arrived in 1972,

Wath-upon-Dearne was still

adjusting to its new status as a comprehensive. The school

was located deep in the heart

of the South Yorkshire coal-

fields. There were 1,800 pupils, many of whom came from coalmining and steel-

making families.
I had four close friends and

very different social back-

grounds. One was a farmer's

duced such well-known

four to this day.

6 If one day I send children of my own to a similar school, I will have no complaint?

age of court factions and almost constant warfare. It is amazing how little changes! I wasn't a great sportsman, although I was a respectable cross-country runner. I wasn't

we spent a great deal of time together. They came from terribly good at art or music either. I was in the school shopkeeper's son and the sing but because I regarded it other two were miners' sons. I as a social club. The choir used to travel all over the still keep in touch with all place, and I wanted to go with My family had a small soft drinks business. We prothem. I also used to go on a huge number of school trips. But Germany and Ullswater, in the Lake District, seemed brands as Hague Cola and to be the only two destina-

fun. From the age of 15 onwards I worked for my father's business. My job was to help deliver beer to all the pubs and working men's clubs in the Rotherham

It was thirsty work. The beer had to be delivered in 22gallon barrels which weighed a ton - or so it seemed to me at the time. The worse part was we had to get them down steep steps into the cellars of

The best part was that when I'd finished each delivery I'd always be given a pint of John Smiths as a reward. The first pint came at nine o'clock in the morning, when l started my deliveries. By the time the last pint was pulled for me at five in the evening. I'd be feeling pretty light-

They all knew the at the working men's clubs, and they all knew I was a paid-up Conservative. So we had a few friendly arguments along the way. I probably had better political debates with the working men of Rotherham than I did at the Oxford Union or, for that matter, in the House of Commons.

Like everyone, my back-ground and my education have made me what I am today. I believe the importance of a good education. cannot be overstated. It is the birthright of everyone in a civilised society.

That is why I have no time for those who make excuses for failing schools. There is



The schoolboy William Hague at 15, when he joined the Conservative Party

amon-Dearme Comprehensive was not in a well-to-do area. and many of the parents who sent their children there came from working-class backgrounds. But it was well run. had good teachers and fostered eager students. Its broad social mix was an

This January I went back to present the prizes at the school speech day. I was more apprehensive about making a speech there, in front of all the pupils and teachers, than I ever am in front of my fellow MPs — not least because my

bad teaching. Wath- advantage too. I still keep in old politics master.
-Dearne Comprehensive close touch with my school. Godber, is now headteact Godber, is now headteacher. My days at Wath-upon-Dearne Comprehensive were happy ones. I studied quite hard, but I also made good friends, If I can one day send children of my own to a similar school, I will have no



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primary seven children at Brediland Primary in Paisley, near Glasgow, signed the petition, saying they were fed up with being punished for "silly things" such as chatting

They sent it to their

Lead, and the complaint resuhed in an investigation by Renfrewshire Council, who

met parents vesterday. Council officials said, how ever, they were satisfied with the unnamed teacher's performance and claimed peer presmany children signing. A spokesman said a recent survey of the class had revealed that 23 out of the 27 pupils were "very happy" in school.

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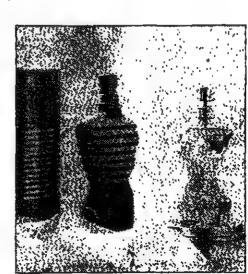
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# The arms chief who put a bomb under the IRA

of the standard books on the IRA. He has seldom, if been named in the media. Yet he was - until last month — one of the IRA's most powerful men, the quartermaster-general who controlled its fearsome arsenal of Semtex and Kalashnikovs.

He has a new role now. Having launched an unsuccessful coup last month, he is seeking to sabotage Gerry Adams's so-called "peace strategy" by other means.

Republican and security sources agree that this man inspired the past formight's sion within the world's most secretive and disciplined terrorist organisation. They believe those stories are exaggerated, but also lear they could prove self-fulfilling.

By going public the former quartermaster is offering an alternative for hardliners on posed to the peace process. If the Stormont talks remain deadlocked, and the ceasefire vields few benefits, those hardliners could yet rally to his banner. One security official said it was unclear whether the man would attempt to set up a rival organisation, or carp from the sidelines, but added: "This could be the beginning of a major split. If so, we have big problems."

Conscious of the dangers, London and Dublin will attempt to inject some urgency into the talks next week. Tony Blair is to meet Bertie Ahern. the Irish Prime Minister, and the talks chairmen will discuss with the eight participating parties ways of moving from the present "grandstanding" into more private, detailed negotiations.

The former quartermaster lives with his girlfriend near Dundalk, a harbour town just south of the border in Co Louth that is where IRA activists traditionally go to ground. It has been dubbed Ireland's El Paso.

He dislikes Mr Adams. He led opposition to the last IRA ceasefire, and allegedly made the telephone call claiming responsibility for the London Docklands bomb of February 1996 that ended it. He opposes this one with equal vehemence, believing it stands no The terrorists' former quartermaster has set out to wreck

Gerry Adams's peace strategy in a bitter split which

#### threatens the Stormont talks, reports Martin Fletcher

chance of producing the united Ireland for which he and his colleagues have spent the past quarter century fighting.

In September Mr Adams committed Sinn Fein to the Mitchell principles, which explicitly renounce the use of force, in order to join the talks, Three days later the IRA disavowed those principles in a highly provocative statement to An Phoblacht, the republican movement's newspaper.

Seeing his chance, the quartermaster proceeded to use his influence and place on the 12member army executive - the body of "elder statesman" that oversees the seven-man army council that runs the IRA - to secure a highly-unusual IRA

It was held in Gweedore, an attractive Irish-speaking vil-lage on the coast of northwest Donegal, About 50 top IRA personnel attended. The quartermaster and his predominantly southern supporters were confident they could wrench the wheel away from the leadership", according to

The leadership were certainly alarmed. It was a bitter, Fein officials acknowledge that Mr Adams and Martin McGuinness could not have survived as leaders had the quartermaster and his backers prevailed.

In the event, by dint of intense lobbying, the leader-ship carried the day. The meeting split roughly 70-30 in favour of the present strategy. and the quartermaster was

forced to resign, He took with him half a dozen supporters including his girlfriend, who was the sister strikers and a fellow member of the army executive, and a top member of the IRA's engineering department which makes everything from mortars to detonators.

The resignation from the army council of a former IRA Chief of Staff, a hawk called Kevin McKenna, owed more to ill-health than dissent, but this was nonetheless the IRA's most serious internal rift since 1986. The quartermaster promised to leave the IRA's arms dumps alone. Under the IRA's General Orders taking IRA weapons or explosives is punishable by death.

mander and convicted terrorist loval to the leadership. replaced Mr McKenna on the army council. On the face of it Mr Adams emerged with his position strengthened, except that the quartermaster refused to follow the standard practice of those who leave the IRA by

He is believed to have encouraged the very public resignations of a dozen longserving Sinn Fein activists in Dundalk ten days ago, and to have inspired a sensational story in The Irish Times on Wednesday. In it a "spokes-man for IRA dissidents" claimed that almost an entire battalion from South Armagh, the IRA's engine room, had resigned in support of the quartermaster and his fellow

On Thursday the IRA was compelled to issue another statement through An Phoblacht, this one admitting that a "very small number of people" had left but labelling reports of a major split as "fanciful" and "greatly exaggerated".

Security officials are uncertain exactly what is happening

surprises them is not the internal opposition to the peace process, but that it has become public. They believe the quarter-

master is trying to "get a bandwagon rolling", and while there is little evidence of that yet happening they are hardly sanguine. "At a time when there is wide unhappiness he is in the process of creating a clear alternative." one said. For tactical reasons Mr Adams called the ceasefire in July, before he had time to consult and prepare the republican grassroots.

There is considerable grumbling, particularly in hardline areas. Belfast is apparently solid, but there is concern about areas such as Derry and East Tyrone while the "bandit country" of South Armagh, where many of the IRA's said to be "very keen" to return

The activities of the Continuity IRA, a republican splinter group opposed to the ceasefire are compounding that unrest. It scored a major propaganda coup with the Markethill bomb in Co Armagh in September, and two weeks ago "flicked two fingers" at Mr McGuinness and Mitchel McLaughlin, Sinn Fein's chairman, by planting a bomb in their native

From some disgruntled IRA ource, Continuity IRA recently obtained Semtex.

The leadership's other big problem is that the peace strategy has yet to yield obvious benefits. There has been no discernible progress at the Stormont talks, where Unionists refuse to have anything to do with Sinn Fein, and senior republicans complain bitterly about the Government's lack of movement on prisoners and demilitarisation.

Security officials sketch out two possible scenarios. The first envisages the "critical mass" of the republican movement swinging towards the quartermaster and a resumption of the armed struggle.

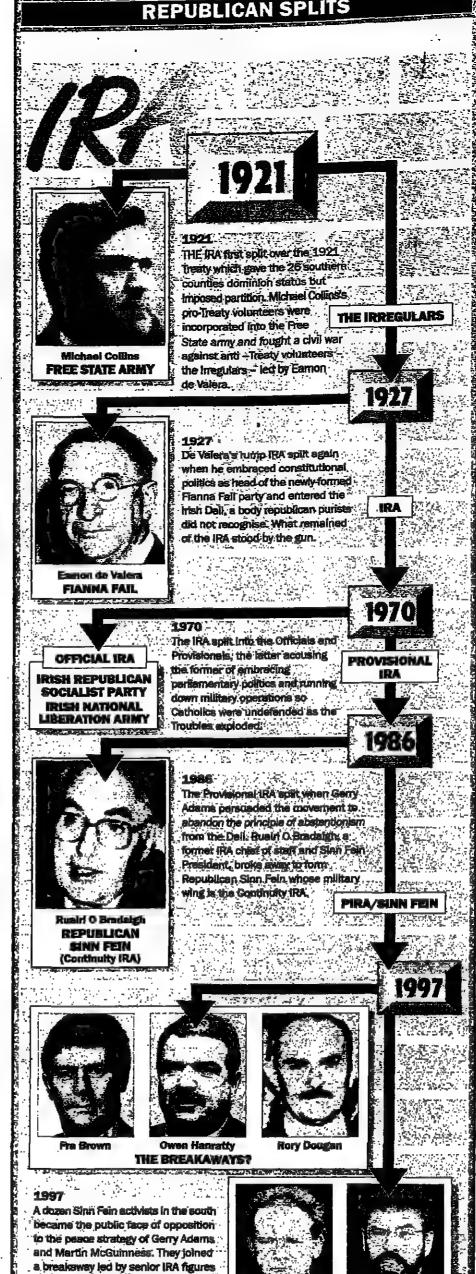
If that happened, they believe the leadership would abandon the peace process to avoid an irrevocable split Four of the army council's seven members are considered hawks who might have reser vations about the ceasefire.

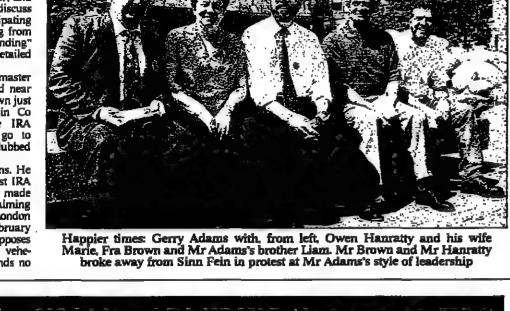
The second, more likely, has Mr Adams settling next year for something far short of a united Ireland but hoping he can carry the bulk of the movement with him.

That would necessarily involve the fourth major split between pragmatists and purists in the IRA's 80-year history. The quartermaster has shown that there is a hardline rump that would never accept such a deal, whatever the immediate benefits.

Moreover, his rebellion is making it still harder for Mr Adams to prepare the movement for such an historic compromise. Under this scenario. "there is no doubt there will be a split," said one security source.

The question is where the split comes and how we deal





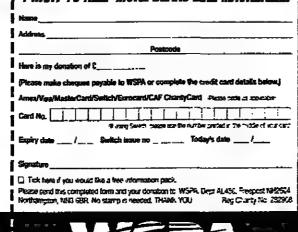


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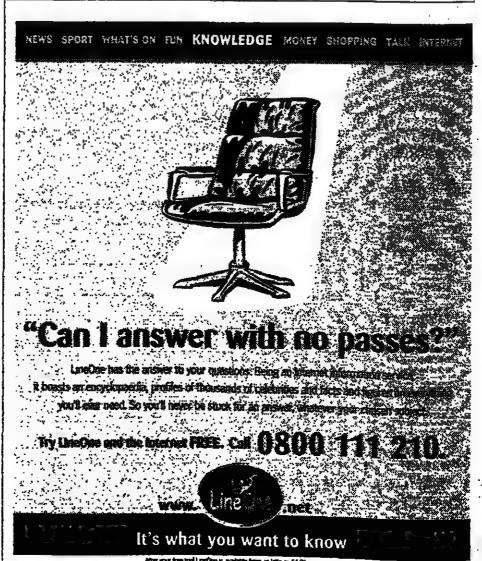
TWO E7 million winners had still not claimed their midweek jackpots last night as operators Camelot cleared the decks in preparation for the National Lottery's third

anniversary. Three so-called superdraws. starting today and ending next Saturday, will be worth a guaranteed total of £50 million. Today's will be worth £10 million, next Wednesday's £15 million, and next weekend's £25 million — the largest ever guaranteed jackpot that has not been a rollover. Cash reserves will be used to boost the prize fund.

If the huge jackpots are not won outright, they will not be added together to make rollovers. Instead the money will be given to good causes. Meanwhile, lottery officials

were puzzled that neither winner of the midweek draw featuring the numbers 3, 6, 8, 27, 36 and 45 — had come forward.

A spokeswoman said: "It's bizarre. Two people are walking around without realising what they are sitting on."



In border areas and raised the prospect.

of a fourth split in Republican ranks in

# A dogfight between two puppies

Differences over Europe were not enough to arouse aggression when two old friends met on familiar turf

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t was the Tory party split personified two of the original Cambridge mafiosi, Ken Clarke and Norman Lamont, on opposite sides of the debating chamber at the Cambridge Union. exactly where they had first met 33 years ago as fresh-faced, ambitious young men - on the same side. Most of the audience at Thurs-

day's debate "This house is afraid

of EMU" were not born when Britain voted by referendum to go into Europe in May 1975. Lamont told them he had objected to the wording of the motion. "I'm not afraid of EMU at all. Let me let you into a secret. I will be terribly disappointed if it doesn't happen. (He wants to say: "I told you so.")
In this Victorian chamber designed on House of Commons lines, but warmer and more intimate (like a cabaret, said Lamont), they spent their happy salad days.

throne in 1963; Lamont in 1964. The president now is Gareth Weetman, known as "Gaz", who announced that tonight the chamber could boast "more former Tory MPs than most boards of merchant banks". (Sir Teddy Taylor and Sir Nicholas Scott were there.)

Clarke occupied the presidential

But there was to be no dogfight. Cambridge blood is thicker than political differences over Europe. The most precious thing this chamber gave me was friend-ships," said Lamont, "and one of those friends was Kenneth Clarke. Don't believe everything you read. Ken and I are firm friends, and my admiration for him remains strong, even though we disagree on this fundamental issue."

It turned out that both men had joined all the political parties when they arrived. "I joined Conservative, Liberal, Labour and Communist clubs and the UN Association and the European Society," said Lamont, "just to be able to attend all their meetings, but I was active only as a Conservative." Clarke did the same but after one year stood for office in the Conservative Association and left a fully fledged Tory. What impressed Clarke on

Thursday night was that the undergraduates concentrated so intently on the speeches for three hours. There was no heckling. I find it reminiscent of an 18th century political debate," he said. That morning, with lony Benn, he had addressed 1,500 similarly attentive sixth-formers at Central Hall; Westminster, Lamont spends a day a week addressing meetings on Eurosceptic matters, a one-issue person now "but it's what interests me, and as Enoch [his hero] once put it, 'I can pipe no other tune'."

The undergraduates of today seem to me a sickly lot. Visceral. hacking, consumptive, sounds punctuated every speech. As Harold Pinter remarked of British theatre audiences, they seemed to have come for the express purpose of having a good cough. If Madam



The Ken and Norman show: "Don't believe everything you read. Ken and I are firm friends, and my admiration for him remains strong," said Lamont

Speaker had been present she. would have ordered Zubes all round. Playing back my tape, every other phrase drawned by coughing. it sounded like a tuberculosis ward: What will member nations do if unemployment rises? (Bellows and wheezes) ... can't adjust their interest rates, their exchange rates, what is left? Nothing except mass migration . . . (Explosive coughs)

. . How are firms to overcome . . (Deafening splutters) . . . Real wage cuts, of the kind that have not happened in any country since" (paroxysms of sneezes).

efore the Clarke and Lamont show, there was an opportunity to spot future matiosi in a minidebate on a motion banning all tobacco advertising. It was carried, despite a virtuoso performance by an 18-year-old from a Bury St iunas conforencisive namea Alex Deane, whose chirpy libertarian views contrasted with a general

The most striking participant in the main debate was a girl known as Fred - Froydis Cameron, shapely and glamorous in a short black dress with bootlace straps and a glittering necklace. The daughter of a diplomat, brought up in Germany and Brussels, she leant on the dispatch box deploying her Europhile views with a practised ease and flirtatious style - Sovereignty is not the same as virginity. It's not a case of you have it or you

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don't" - which will one day go down well in the Commons. Clarke looked like the favourite all along: "One of the finest politicians of his generation" declared one speaker, whereupon Gaz rose to say: "We must remember that we have two former Chancellors here tonight. It was Norman Lamont who sowed the very seeds of recovery." Clarke

murmured: "Quite right."
Having waited to speak until after 10pm after a long day -Lamont had spent his morning at himmy Goldsmith's memorial service. Clarke had been at Lord Tonypandy's later - the two warhorses rose to the occasion, considering how many times each has rehearsed these same arguments. Lamont quoted William Hague

on lemmings and reminded us that

Burope is the unemployment blackspot of the world, "Of course ne single currency is happen. And of course there are good arguments for joining it, just s some people thought there were good arguments for joining the exchange-rate mechanism . . . At least when we were locked into the ERM it was possible to withdraw, to self-destruct, but with a single currency no escape is possible . . . If our economy has not converged with Europe's in 25 years it is hardly likely to converge in the next five years . . . When the CBI and the TUC agree I think it's time to start-counting the spoons." "Fellow lemmings," Clarke ad-



us, looking around the chamber in reminiscent mood. "The curtains look a little older and I have to say so are some of the arguments, and so are the fears." He proceeded to give a nostalgic rundown on 35 years of the repetitive European debate: "I have been reshuffled, I have been in many ministries. I have been to more European councils than most people have had hot dinners . . When I came here we had the

eager Empire loyalists organised by Lord Beaverbrook, now we have Mr Conrad Black . . . and at every stage the same fears were put forward. This was to be the end of Britain as a powerful nation state. We would be flooded by poor immigrant (talian workers, we were handing over control of our destiny

... The same fears have been expressed each time. We are taking the UK into the 21st century. I do not believe we are talking about the end of the nation state. I am a patriot, but we have to adjust to what the modern world requires."

fterwards Clarke, shrouded in cigar smoke, and Lamont were both lionised, queues forming of undergraduates eager to ask questions, take photographs, get autographs. Lamont found himself pentioned for advice: should I join Goldman Sachs? "My son has just joined Merrill Lynch," said Lamont. Should I start my own business? "Oxbridge people are so In a glass case in the Union

showing Lamont (looking slim, black-haired) Clarke (looking much the same), and others of the "Cambridge Mafia" that came into fullest bloom in John Major's cabinet: Howard, Gummer, Lilley with Norman Fowler party chairman, and Leon Brittan Europe. "Leon was earlier." said Lamont, "but became friends later. We went on holiday and were once arrested going the wrong way down a one-way street in Saraievo.

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sion were lefties, like John Dunn the political philosopher, the Communist Brian Pollitt, now at Glasgow, Angus Calder the historian with his stern icy stare, who once approached me about joining CND after I had spoken against the motion that this House would fight for West Berlin. By miles the best speaker of our time was an Indian, Mani Aivar, who later worked with Rajiv Gandhi. And a lot of our Union contemporaries were not politicians, but lawyers who have quietly forged a quiet path at the Chancery Bar."

speakers who made most impres-

Lamont was going straight back to London, to be at the Treasury yesterday morning, "refreshing his memory" for the inevitable book Clarke stayed the night in his old college, roused by the Today programme at 7.30am yesterday to speak his mind about Tony Blair which both men are naturally enjoying. "Blair is obsessed with fashionable, slick, famous, rich people, having discovered some-thing called big business," said Lamont. "Thatcher was prepared to tell big business to get lost."

The result of the debate: Lamont's EMU-sceptics lost by 200 to Clarke's EMU-philes, who numbered more than twice as many. 'I'd have been fairly shattered if we hadn't won by at least two-to-one." said Clarke, "Any young audience, particularly university undergraduates, is always pro-Europe."

#### Loveable pedant is comic tour de force

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The Beast of John Shuttleworth Bloomsbury

WHILE it may be true that Geoff Boycott is deserting his homeland the soft South, John Shuttleworth remains defiantly loyal to his Sheffield roots. No amount of fame would ever seduce this homespun philosopher and ham-fisted exponent of the Yamaha keyboard.

For those who have yet to encounter him, the middle-aged. bespectacled Shuttleworth is the alter ego of the actor Graham Fellows — better known to my generation of disgruntled Seventies adolescents as the one-hit-wonder Jilted John. Determined to make his mark in showbusiness, the eternally optimistic Shuttleworth cranks out one magnificently dire song after another while regaling life, love and washing-up.

A loveable pedant, he measures out his life in Curly-Wurly wrappers. The catch this time is that his manager has decided that the time has come for Shuttleworth to show

The beast within proves elusive; no one would ever be fooled by his



repeated threats to bite the head off of a chicken as a grand finale. One swear word is all he can manage. This is a tour de force of comic

observation. If you have seen the tiresome Margarita Pracatan's stage show, you will know how narrow such self-referential humour can become. Fellows opens in similarly brazen style, but begins to develop a flesh-and-blood character whose very banality proves endlessly fascinating.

There is not a slack moment all worth can veer off into vignettes and reminiscences that tell us more about contemporary life than a barrowful of Booker Prize-winning novels. It is not surprising, given his source material, that he has been compared to Mike Leigh. Yet there is an abiding gentleness here,

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# The art of civilised conservation

Zoos are about biodiversity, not

Disney, argues Colin Tudge

t's good to learn that Angela Eagle, the Under-Secretary for Environment and Sport, is updating the Zoo Licensing Act. It suggests that our Government is taking zoos seriously. It must if it cares at all about conservation. As the next millennium unfolds, zoos will play an ever more important

"Millennium" in this context is not mere rhetoric to add a trumpet note of grandeur to a political plan. The challenge which now faces us is how to maintain our fellow species for the next million years. In terms of conservation this is a perfectly sensible unit of time.
Those who question the role

of zoos do not understand the realities. They argue that we can conserve wildlife only by protecting habitats. But the continuing fires in Indonesia (home to thousands of unique creatures) and the war in Rwanda (almost the last stand of the mountain gorilla) show how uncertain the best-laid plans can be.

Even when environmental protection seems to be working, it is rarely good enough. Wild populations cannot survive in the long term unless they are large: several hundred animals are needed to maintain sufficient genetic variation. But wild tigers, for example, need up to 100 sq km each. Unless a reserve the size of Yorkshire can be underwritten, a viable population cannot be sustained. It may appear possible for a few years — but only by chance can small populations last more than a century. Of course, we should maintain as much habitat as possible. But we will still need reserve populations. This captive breeding.

which at present means zoos. Zoos, however, must evolve and smartly. Many do excellent work, but there is still a lot of fakery. Endangered species can be difficult to rear, and rare animals are often less spectacular than common ones. Jersey's Mauritius pink s are hard to keep, but a came! - apparently more just saw animals in enclosures marvellous than a pigeon can be bred by almost anyone. But breeding is not conservation; wild populations of the animal really do need backup. Breeding should be part of a grand plan in which all the animals of a given species in different zoos are swapped

These criteria are sometimes met - there are grand and operative projects for tigers and tamarins, for example — and sometimes, as with the Arabian oryx, plans have already succeeded and moved on. But some zoos still produce animal offspring to please their visitors and then knock them over the head once the season is over. Babies may look good. The real question to ask, however, is: why are they

around in one unified genetic

The great modern zoos combine captive breeding with serious endeavours in the

wild. Again. Jersey is a model.

It has many creatures from Mauritius (Carl Jones restored the native kestrel "from a bag of bones") and plays a serious role in that country's environmental policy.

As the centuries pass, the

wilderness will meet the zoos halfway. The concept of "managed wilderness" sounds contradictory, not to say grisly: the ultimate surrender. But the alternative is wasteland. from the great landscape gar-deners of the 18th and 19th centuries. What Capability Brown achieved in fragments of Oxfordshire we must contrive over continents. But where he thought only of aesthetics and of pleasing his parrons, we must think of biodiversity — the rights and lives of other species — while at the same time meeting the aspirations of humankind. Zoos must be subsumed in a far deeper and broader endeavour. But there should be continuity: future conservation policies must largely be founded in the zoos of the

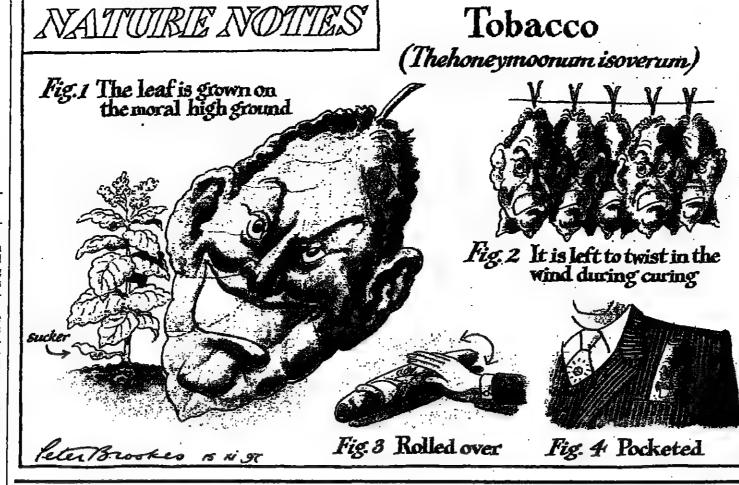
So what of the here and now the things that can happen in the lifetime of governments. and, indeed, of zoo directors? Well, they must smarten up their collective acts. As Ms Eagle's initiative implies, institutions must look to shuffle along the spectrum from the menagerie to the serious focus of conservation. Many zoo directors must ask whether they have a conservation policy at all, as opposed to an occasional outburst of animal offspring. But crucially, too, 200s must transform their

London Zoo almost committed suicide in the late 1980s by leaning feebly towards Disney. It failed not simply through lack of wealth (you can't do Disney without razzmatazz) but because it mistook its audience. In those days, some of its keepers, vets and scientists were doing brilliant work with rhinos and invertebrates, but visitors were never brought in on the act. They and breathed the niff of manure and of hamburgers.

oos must learn from the great galleries and theatres. They must appeal to people's intelligence - but do so with style: serious but not pompous. The Tate and the National Theatre are good models. Art is a symbol of civilisation. That is how we should see our zoos. Some have achieved this: Cincinnati. San Diego and a few in this country, such as Jersey and Edinburgh. For the most part, however, zoos are ranked as "entertainments". They see themselves as theme parks.

Strangely, although some British 2005 are municipal and many benefit from charitable status, none receives regular government money. Their task now is to show us why they should.

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# How do they manage?

t has been a good week for memorials. London has said farewell to Viscount Tonypandy and Sir James Goldsmith in a style appropriate to the men. Journalism has remembered Vincent Hanna and Felix Barker. A mammoth ceremony is in the offing for Sir Isaiah Berlin. Autumn has heard many a half-remembered poem and beloved tune. Summer's sad harvest is gathered in. The memorial service is an eerie institution. It does more than honour the dead. For those of a certain age, it is a roll-call of survivors. Is that old Bill still with us? Can that be Joe over there? At this time of year "four weddings and a

The Times last week said farewell to one of its own, Peter Roberts, who died just after retiring as the paper's managing editor at the age of 62. There seems a peculiar cruelty to such a death, as if cheating a man of the eventual reward to his labours. Yet Roberts adored his job. He was not a well-known or flamboyant figure, even among journalists. He professed no byline, wrote no col-umn, blazoned no opinion. His memorial service last Tuesday was attended not by the glitterati of Westminster, but by those who worked beside him for a quarter

funeral" is simply five memorials.

They were often awful years. At Gray's Inn Road and Wapping, journalists struggled to produce newspapers while thunderous exchanges took place overhead between unions and proprietors, rioters and politicians. It was relentless trench war-

fare, testing friendship and sometimes demanding physical courage. First as managing editor at The Sunday Times and, from 1990, in that role at The Times, Roberts was regimental sergeant-major to these great but often battered titles. He was keeper of the egos, custodian of the cupboard skeletons, psychoanalyst, sorcerer and friend.

He had an instinct for "the team". He understood the balance of its personalities and understood that its key ingredient was loyalty. He knew the office crook and the office saint. He was mother superior and father confessor. He was impresario of the budget and anaesthetist at the operating table of hire and fire. Most organisations spawn large bureaucracies to do what Roberts did from a single office. A newspaper has no time for such bureaucracy. Its esThe unsung hero of British business follows instinct, not faddish theories

sence is urgency. Roberts was a master of decision. He was that underrated, rarely memorialised, taken-for-granted hero of British industry, the first-class line manager. The modern corporate manager is uncelebrated. His task is to bring

people and project together in corpo-rate wedlock. His public reward is often no more than a clock and a pension. This lowly status has long perplexed the experts. Peter Drucker gave his epic, The Practice of Management, the ironic subtitle, "a study of the most important function in American society". Since Drucker, management gurus have wrestled to reinforce his message. They have surrounded man-

agement "theory", to render it a professional ac-tivity alongside law, medicine and accounting. In doing so, they have hoped to raise the manage er's image beyond that of bureaucrat, paperclip pusher.

In the process, rubbish was written, companies upheaved, lives wrecked and able men and women distracted from honest labour. Management was confused with entrepreneurship. The task of administering an organisation efficiently was confused with risk-taking. From Barings Bank to the Prison Service to Covent Garden Opera, the roles of leader, entrepreneur and manager were entangled and accountability lost. Management was oversold in theory yet under-appreciated in practice. The pundits sought to make a crucial but inherently unglamorous activity

irresistibly sexy.

They did this by making management seem hard. Drucker, the father of management theorists, first wrote at a time when corporations were growing large and unwieldy. They needed managing and the managers needed help. Troops had to be marshalled in different formations as companies diversified and found themselves assailed by competitors. By the 1980s the manager was deluged with advice. He became hero and victim of every fad, of downsizing, delayering, outsourcing, re-engineering, demassing, future shocking, hotdesking and, when thoroughly constipated, matrix-management. Companies were told to build management centres, install management training, practise man-agement development.

As if the very word were toxic, the manager was renamed executive. director, team leader, even vicepresident. Management schools be-came business schools. Degrees were in "business administration". Even at The Times, the manager of the editorial department is the managing editor rather than the more accurate title of editorial manager. (There used to be one "editor" on

the newspaper; now about 50 people hold this title.) In their recent history of management theory (The Witch Doctors), John Micklethwait and Adrian Wooldridge trace the hunt-

ment theory snark. They describe the rise of the deal-maker over the manager. Since the dealer can transform a share price by a shrewd sale or purchase, or by drastic corporate restructuring, he is naturally the darling of the stock market. In the 1970s and 1980s, "big was back". aided by the ideology of "greed is good".

At the time, so-called middle managers were fired in droves for being "cost centres" and barriers to change. Leadership was an active noun, management was passive. Managers were portrayed in the guise of Munch's The Scream. Organisations were told to subject themselves to continuous re-engineering, a maxim obeyed in Britain's public sector by British Rail, the NHS and the BBC The firm became a function of chaos theory, with the dealer-impresario as

"strange attractor".

Management theory has now turned back on itself. According to Micklethwait and Wooldridge, small is again beautiful. Huge trans-national mergers and globalisation are little more than ego-trips by chief executives. Big corporations are so

big that, like sharks, they must constantly move and gobble. Yet as they grow they fall foul of regulators. Growth becomes harder and movement impossible. The competitive future lies with small companies, rich in knowledge and the morale that al-

lows that knowledge to be exploited.

Thus the office is back, together with the employee, the manager, the canteen and the personal encounter. In his most recent utterances, Drucker has attacked the Internet as depersonalising the firm, substitut-ing cold short-term messages for the casual exchanges that are key to innovation. This revisionism is taken further by another American guru, Ichak Adizes. He argues that com-panies are biological organisms. They experience growing pains, emo-tional crises and bouts of illness like a person or a family. Crudely re-engineer them to meet a short-term

stock market objective and they die.
This new theory suggests that firms must pursue not chaos but the opposite, an orderly progress to agreed objectives. Such a firm thrives not on fear but on devolution and trust, on seeing itself as a social community, following ethical as well as commercial principles. It seeks "kind stakeholders" not "cruei shareholders". The manager is reinstated as the backbone of such an organisation. As Drucker once put it, "wellrun firms do not need supermen".

o activity is more prone to "fed surfing" than management science. I am sure someone will arrive soon to shoot down Drucker and Adizes. But I like their message. It puts a premium on stable, sensitive administration. It sees management as an intuitive rather than a schooled activity. While I can see that some managers might be helped by training, the essence of the skill lies in personal qualities of sympathy and leadership. This is another way of saying that the new way of running firms is much like the old. The manager may crave appreciation, but it will not come from loading him with academic status or decking him in novel titles. The best manager in my business was Peter Roberts. He had no qualification to his name and. to the best of my knowledge, never darkened the door of any seminar. In remembering his career, I suspect I am celebrating more than just one job well done. I am celebrating thousands.

### Wrecking our fields of dreams

**Simon Barnes** 

bemoans the loss of the green belt

Place the following in order of value: I the Koh-i-noor diamond, 2 England's green and pleasant land, and 3, a politician's promise. Not so terribly hard, I know. A politician's promise is a matchistick, as used in nursery games of pontoon: a negotiating tool of only notional value. A big diamond is a

notional value. A big diamond is a pretty thing that is mainly about lots and lots of money. But the English countryside is a jewel beyond price. Unlike the Koh-i-noor diamond, it is not indestructible. Unlike the Koh-i-noor diamond (or cheques for a million mid) politicians value it at naught.

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The previous Government had planned to build 2.2 million homes on green beit land. Never mind, we thought, the new Government will surely move us away from the surely move us away into the primrose path to countryside destruction. But no. We learn this week that it is to go ahead with the scheme. Never mind the Government: the policy of green belt is never anything more than a politician's promise.

I used to live opposite a farm. Cows and sheep and a single horse cheered me as I worked. A little to the right, a me as I worked. A little to the right, a messy old coopse. Sparrowhawk nest there every spring. Nothing special, nothing unique. Just ordinarily lovely. And perfectly safe, of course safe for generations. Because it is green belt, you see.

Arms embargoes work frightfully well, except when someone wants to buy arms and someone wants to sell them. Green belt works in roughly the same way: the land is safe, except when someone wants to build on it.

I have moved now, leaving only the curse of my curses behind. The plan rumbles on with the weight of government behind it to build a 1,000-car parkway station on the farmland and the copse. I still hope, for the sparrowhawks' sake, for the sake of the countryside, that it never gets built. But planners have no inhibitions when it comes to the

We live in a country with inner city disaster areas and rapidly vanishing countryside. The new schemes to building on green belt do their bit to make both problems worse. London and the South East is to become a Polo mint development: an outer ring, hollow at heart — Los Angeles but without the rural charm. The plan is to build not suburbs, but suburbs of suburbs: an unending subsuburban sprawl.

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The count ly green, has always been vulnerable to people in power. They long to make changes, to make their mark and to see the effects of power. The countryside is made for the job.

But there is another matter, too. There is a school of thought which suggests that this plan is Tony Blair's revenge on the countryside. It was the countryside rally that gave Mr Blair the first blow to his self-confidence. It seems that the countryside is to pay for this: regardless of the fact that the killing lobby does not represent the entirety, or even the majority, of

Has the countryside become for Mr Blair what football was to Margaret Thatcher? An implacable foe? This is not a pleasant thought. Football, like the Koh-i-noor, has a quality of indestructibility. The countryside is infinitely vulnerable. Each one of the planned homes, if built, represents a broken promise: for green belt is a species of premise. It will add up to 2.2 million broken

All in a day's work, I suppose. But was Jerusalem builded here, among those sub-suburban homes?

### State secrets

ROBIN COOK and Clare Short are each rushing headlong into that televisual version of the bonfire of the vanities: the fly-on-the-wall documentary. Camera crews are being allowed to explore the quiet corners and intimate secrets of the Foreign Office and the International Development Department for broadcast in the new year on the BBC. They

are being shot despite the disaster last month. The two-part documentary on UV illustrated the extraordinary power of the Chancellor's pet spin-doctor, Charlie Whelan, a and his boy wonder. Ed Balls. This prompted Alastair Camp-

bell. Labour's chief spinocrat, to rule that minions - Cabinet ministers and their ilk - should limit onscreen appearances to reading press releases (preferably written by him). But now there is a danger that these will be equally damaging. After all, Brown's flick was supposed to show how he had won the election singlehanded, but actually gave the impression that the Chancellor is



Snapped up: Cook and Short

rather less important than his advisers. Michael Cockerell, the heavyweight film-maker who has produced programmes on former PMs, is making Cook: The Movie. The Short biopic is being made by supposedly sympathetic producers. Risky enterprises.



\*And here's the cocktail cabinet. . .

ents popped into a refuge for the homeless before lunch on Britannia vesterday. As Prince Philip signed the visitors' book, he asked the Queen: "What's the date? Is it the 13th?". "No", Her Majesty replied with a granite expression. "It's the 14th. Charles's birthday."

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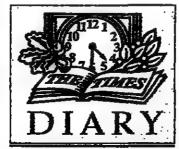
#### Peer pressure

WHO should be observed slipping from the office of Lord Jenkins of Hillhead but Hugh Dykes - erstwhile Tory MP who trotted over to the Lib Dems. Was he angling for ermine in an attempt to re-enter Parliament? "He was grinning from ear to ear." a peer tells me.

The sighting lends support to those who feel that defecting Tory MPs are not motivated solely by political conscience. They point out that Emma Nicholson was elevated after 18 months of loyal service to the Liberals. Norman Lamont, by contrast, who has remained true blue, has no peerage despite being a former Chancellor. Jenkins presides over a generous collection of Liberal peers and would rub along

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#### JASPER GERARD

well with the equally pro-European Dykes (who saw his 11,405 majority in Harrow East turn into a Labour one of 9,738). Should he become Lord Dykes of Hanger Lane, or some such manor, there could be a stampede of other wet Tories. Hmmm. Lord Temple-Morris of Brussels has a certain ring.

◆ COMMONS corridor exchange between Ken Livingstone and Peter Mandelson. M: "Ah, Mr Mayor." L: "Over your dead body." M: "No Ken, we'll be glad to see the back of you in this place."

#### **Question time?**

HE has long been considered a happy — and dashing — bachelor, but the pleasures of single life could be lading for Alan Duncan. The Tory vice-chairman, now 40, is understood to be wondering if it is not time to marry. Just as his former lodger - and now boss - suddenly decided to wed at 36, Duncan has mentioned to friends that he is considering a change. Not that being a bachelor hinders advancement in the Tory party. "In the past, the Tory party has appeared almost to persecute those who don't live a tra-ditional life," he said a couple of weeks back. When I telephoned my congratulations, he was subdued. Interested parties should send me particulars and I promise to for-ward their candidatures.

 GOOD to see Lord Irvine of Lairg at Thursday's India celebra-tions with the PM and Prince Charles. But I thought our somnolent friend looked a little too comfortable during the long speeches.

#### Royal park

YESTERDAY found Princess Anne breezing into Links, a smart-ish shop in Jermyn Street selling cufflinks and silver shoe-horns - the stuff Charles might fancy for his birthday. Her driver parked the Bentley outside - in a disabled slot. A traffic warden loomed but was shooed off by three policemen, one wielding a truncheon. Anne reemerged, happily oblivious.

NEW TIMES

A verbose village vicar is having his dreary sermons timed by a parishioner. Stephen Wookey, from little Moreton-in-Marsh, in Gloucestershire, is frank about being monitored: "We can too often be boring and wordy," he says. Indeed.



Not so mellow yellow: Chris Smith and feathered friend

PARTY TIMES PEACE was the touchy-feely

theme as socially concerned sorts gathered for the premiere of Welcome to Sarajevo - an earthy yarn about reporter types shacked up in the Holiday Inn on Snipers Alley. So nasty and upsetting were the scenes of the war-ravaged city that Demi Moore, the butch star of GI Jane, emerged from an earlier screening twittering: "Did that stuff really happen?" Her fellow thespians Julie Delpy and Emily Watson seemed more aware that Sarajevo had seen some rather sticky times and talked quite intelligently at a bash in the National Liberal Club, Whitehall, on Thursday night.

Spirits were higher earlier when Chris Smith, Heritage Secretary, breezed into the Music of Black Origin Awards in Covent Garden. Dinner found him next to the presenter Selina Scott, with whom he struck up an unexpected bond. After three thunderous Afro-Caribbean courses, the music began: Busta Rhymes, Ziggy Marley (son of Bob) — novel sounds to the diary's sensitive ear. For Smith, a delicate flower, it was too much. After posing with Bootsy Collins, he fled before 10 o'clock William Hague, having visited the Notting Hill Carnival, stayed slightly later with his new rasta chums — and even managed a cautious gyration on his way out.



When Madeleine Albright planned her visit to London this week it was with a clear schedule in mind. A Friday meeting with Binyamin Netanyahu was to leave the Israeli Prime Minister in no doubt about her intense irritation with the slow progress of the Middle East peace process.

Tony Blair and Robin Cook, with Britain shortly to assume the mantle of the European Union presidency, would play an invaluable supporting role. Having delivered her views with characteristic frankness, Ms Albright would move on to meet Yassir Arafat in Switzerland today. She would then attend a conference - promoting economic links between the Arab world and Israel that opens in Qatar tomorrow. American leadership would be very publicly re-

A funny thing happened on the way from Washington. Ms Albright duly scolded Mr Netanyahu yesterday, but their talks were overshadowed by the impending showdown with Iraq. On that question, the Secretary of State and Israeli leader were united. Mr Blair and Mr Cook have had a similar experience in their dealings with the Israeli Prime Minister. Like it or not, and the Foreign Office does not like it much, the United States, Britain and Israel are allies in the struggle to contain Saddam Hussein. All the evidence is that they are virtually alone.

The mighty coalition that once assembled against Iraq now seems desperately fragile. There are some states - France, Russia. China - who have decided that they would rather trade with Saddam than remove him. Others in the immediate region have resolved that the anti-Americanism of their local populations poses a more immediate danger than Iraq's emerging arsenal. Timewill tell if that calculation proves accurate. There are a few who believe that Iran is the true threat to their security and thus despair of the American obsession with Saddam. As a result, Israel is the sole state in the area that will support action to eliminate Iraq's biological, chemical and nuclear ambitions.

That stance, in a sense, is part of the allied problem. The same Arab countries that once mobilised against Saddam — Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, even Kuwait - are now isolated from the American Administration. None of them will support resolute mea-sures against Iraq. All of them will condemn force when it comes. Few of them will be present in Qatar, although most will attend the Organisation of the Islamic Conference summit in Tehran next month. The stated reason will be the "intransigence" of Mr Netanyahu and the failure of President Clinton to extract more concessions from him. In their view Israel's role in the peace process is merely to concede vast chunks of its territory and treat explosions against its citizens as an unfortunate inconvenience.

Iraq and Israel are linked and Saddam will exploit that connection. He did so directly in 1991 when he attacked Israel after the air war started against him. He said then that he would surrender Kuwait in return for Arab Palestine. George Bush implicitly recognised the same factor when he implored Israel not to return fire and promised Arab allies that he would maximise pressure on Yitzhak Shamir once Operation Desert Storm was over. The President achieved his political objectives. Mr Clinton and Mr Blair will once again want to exploit Israeli intelligence while keeping their distance. Mr Netanyahu will co-operate but - understandably — will cash his chips later.

A struggle against Saddam over the next few months will be more troublesome than that of seven years ago. That might lead some to conclude that it is not worth the effort. This would be mistaken. In 1990, Iraq posed a real threat but predominantly to its immediate neighbours. This time, its construction of exceptionally destructive weapons challenges the wider region and international security.

The United States, Britain and Israel may well be the only nations willing to fight this dictator. That alignment might have shortterm diplomatic disadvantages. Appeasement, however, is an unattractive option. As Margaret Thatcher memorably told President Bush in August 1990, this is "no time to go wobbly".

#### WINDSOR'S GOLDEN PARTY

A fine restoration for a fiftieth anniversary

When fire swept through Windsor Castle five years ago, the Queen and other mem-bers of her family did what they could to help the firemen save the treaures of the State Apartments from the blaze. Her anguish was clear for all to see. And indeed, she herself told the nation at Christmas that the fire was, above all, what had made 1992 her annus horribilis. Yesterday, her mood was far sunnier. Her beloved castle has been magnificently restored, within budget and ahead of schedule, and she threw a party to celebrate the largest historic restoration project in Britain this century.

Nothing could be a more welcome way to celebrate the Queen's golden wedding anniversary. She, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales have taken close personal interest in the rebuilding and refurbishment of the damaged rooms; the magnificence of the renovated St George Hall and the Grand Reception Room will bring them particular pleasure. The Government also can be pleased: the final bill, at £35 million, is far less than originally estimated, and the bulk of the money has been raised by private donations, entrance charges and souvenir sales. The taxpayer has paid little for the carelessness of the workmen who began the blaze.

The restoration of Windsor has not only repaired, and in important details even improved, a symbol of Britain's heritage; it is a tribute also to the craftsmanship of the thousands of people who have used new skills and ancient mysteries to follow the intentions of the original builders. Erecting oaken hammerbeam roofs, installing intricate plaster ceilings, reassembling chandeliers and carving curved fans of timber ribs for the chapel are skills that would normally take years to master and for which there is nowadays little demand. Several disastrous fires in recent years have, however, given almost continuous employment to those initiates of ancient construction techniques. Two of the most spectacular were at Hampton Court in 1986, and at Uppark, the stately home in Sussex which burnt down in August 1989 leaving 4,500 dustbins filled with rubble and at least half a million items to be salvaged.

Both buildings have now been restored and reopened, at huge cost admittedly, but to a degree of architectural magnificence, material authenticity and engineering inenuity that gives British restorers a claim to be now among the most versatile in Europe. In each case, ancient arts had to be learnt afresh, databases scoured for precise reolication of lost features and the latest computer-assisted photogrammetry incorporated in the vast project to co-ordinate the rebirth of nationally important buildings. Windsor has been able to draw on skills already well honed. The restoration of ancient buildings brings out a perfectionism rarely found in the execution of modern architecture. Not only the Royal Family, but the whole nation can celebrate the dedication and expertise that have returned

#### **BIRDS OF A CERTAIN AGE**

Which is the oldest flying creature of them all?

Britain's oldest wild bird, a fulmar aged over 50, was reported missing presumed dead this week. It was not the oldest bird ever known. That distinction is held by an Andean condor which was presented to Moscow Zoo in 1892 and died there, aged at least 72, in 1964. The oldest bird known for certain in Britain was Cocky, the sulphurcrested cockatoo, who died in London Zoo in 1982, at the grand old age of 57. In his green and salad days he was famous for his greeting, "Hallo, hallo, hallo!", but he lost all his feathers at the end, and lived wrapped up in a baby's nappy. He was, however, presented with a medal from the Burlington Arcade Association for making the capital a friendlier place. The oldest bird in London Zoo at present is that great heroine, Josephine the hornbill, who is probably no more than 52.

Life is not so easy for birds in the wild. Enormous numbers of them die in their first weeks in the wide world out of the egg. Among small birds such as robins and blue tits, nearly all the infants and "teenagers" die. The prospects look up when they reach adulthood the following summer, but are still not good. It has been calculated that of every 1,000 adult robins living now, 500 will be dead in a year's time, 250 more the year after, and so on with half the survivors dying annually. When only one is left, the expected mortality rate per annum goes up to 100 per

Larger birds - especially sea birds and Special Experiency varies of Automote to advertise call on: 0171 660 6883

sturdy waders - do better, as shown by the recovery of ringed birds. The oldest wild bird that the British Trust for Ornithology's ringing scheme has thrown up, apart from the late lamented fulmar, is an oystercatcher that was ringed in north Norfolk and died there 33 years later. A storm petrel aged 30 is still flying around the oceans. Best of all is to be born a puffin. Adult puffins have a general expectation of life of 20 years, and there are probably some 40-year-olds float-

ing in the Atlantic. Curiously enough, few have ever detected symptoms of physical ageing in birds. They certainly have a startling capacity to live for far longer than their normal span. A million greenfinches have been ringed, and none of the recoveries has ever been more than two years old. But one such greenfinch, which had lost a wing, was held in captivity - and lived on, singing away, for 11 years more.

Perhaps, like old soldiers, birds never actually die. They get killed by cats, or succumb to starvation or disease, and their potential immortality - or at least great longevity - is snatched away from them. A robin redbreast in a cage may put all heaven in a rage - but it does a lot for the life

statistics. Some might argue from this that the State should take more wild birds into care? Let that not be so. Better, surely, for a blue tit a short and happy life of 1.3 years, than an eternity behind hars with feather-headed politicians.

### its EMU policy

From Lord Vinson

Sir. The CBI (letter, November 10) seems to have forgotten that economic prosperity depends on political stability. Man does not live by bread alone. Our democratic system is no doubt imperfect, but we simply cannot take

it for granted that, if we alter it on a major scale -- which is precisely what Maastricht, followed by European economic and monetary union, will do — the system will hold. Currently, our democracy just

works. People do feel that they can, to some extent, affect their future and right wrongs with the present system. We are represented by one MP to approximately 75,000 voters, but power is passing to Brussels and in the European Parliament there is one member to some 500,000 voters. So there will be little chance of the elector seeing his elected at a surgery on Saturday morning.

There is also little likelihood that his

Euro-MP can nobble some Brussels official to put right a wrong; or that the MEP will have sufficient time to answer his enormous correspondence; or that he himself can affect the issues as part of a small minority in the European Parliament,

Without serious debate, we shall have so stretched the democratic elastic that it will surely snap, Like the French lorry-drivers, people may resort to taking the law into their own

It is precisely because Eurosceptics like myself seek peace coupled with prosperity that we are fearful of the consequences of a fully federated

Yours sincerely, NIGEL VINSON, House of Lords. November II.

#### From Mr Wilfred Aspinall

Sir, It is quite right to remind the CBI that joining a single currency goes well beyond a simple business decision (leading article, November 10).

The agenda in Europe is to create a

regime whereby most, if not all, regulatory and legislative practices are initiated in Brussels. This will inevitably lead to control over taxation, spending limits in each member state, and use of gold reserves lodged with the European central bank. Our ability in the UK to adjust our

economic policies to enable us to be competitive when trading in both Europe and the rest of the world would be taken from us. This is the political

I attend meetings every week in Brussels where the type of language used by my colleagues, such as "Euro-pean unification", "deeper integra-tion", "social and economic markets", points to a hidden agenda for the creation of a European superstate, perhaps not now but in years to come. The ball is rolling.

The rush to be in this EU club in order to stay cosy and friendly with partners in the EU will not be to our advantage under the current treaty provisions. We need to fully examine all the implications, not just a few.

Yours sincerely, WILFRED ASPINALL (Member, European Communities Economic and Social Committee), Rue Ravenstein 2, 1000 Brussels. November II.

#### From the Director-General of the Institute of Directors

Sir, I was interested to read your Business report today, headed "CBI and TUC to agree union rights proposals". Clear reference was made to "business" and the unions agreeing on proposals which are to be put to the Prime Minister on the issue of compulsory

recognition of trade unions. As a major business organisation. with over 40,000 members, we would like to know what status and authority this agreement will have and how our members' views are going to be accounted for.

We have strong views on compulsory recognition; we do not want it.

Yours faithfully, TIM MELVILLE-ROSS, Director-General. Institute of Directors, 116 Pall Mall, SWI. November 10.

#### From Mr Ronald Wheeler

Sir, I attended a CBI fringe meeting at the Tory conference, "Maintaining the Momentum", on October S at 7pm in the Savoy Hotel, Blackpool. The president, Sir Colin Marshall, apologised for the absence abroad of their director-general, Adair Turner, and then apologised that because he had been double-booked he had to leave to host a dinner party at Spm.

Unfortunately for them, guestspeaker John Redwood. MP, was detained at an earlier meeting, and until his delayed arrival. Mr Peter Agar. the CBI's deputy director-general, sat alone on the platform doing his best with questions and answers to prove the "momentum had not been lost".

This cavalier approach to the Tories adds fuel to the argument that the CBI has simply jumped into bed with the Government and will support the euro for that reason alone, without considering what's best for its mem-

RONALD WHEELER, 18 Kingsland Gardens Close. Mannamead, Plymouth, Devon. November 9.

#### CBI challenged on Facts or fancies on moral questions

From the Chief Executive of the Association for Public Health

Sir, Does Roger Scruton ("How 'science' can confuse morality". November 10) really believe that school sex education, "as currently prac-tised", is nothing more than "vicari-ous paedophilia"? May I draw his attention to a study published this year in the American Journal of Public Health, which found that the provision of condoms in New York schools increases their use -- so helping to protect against pregnancy and HIV infection — but has no effect on rates of sexual activity. This is only the latest in a long series of investigations which has shown significant bene-

ficial effects for school sex education. It is high time that the many skilled teachers and health professionals received our full support as they try, with parental support, to educate teenagers about the challenges and pitfalls of sex before it is too late. Their detractors' success in undermining them provides one important explanation for the UK's high teenage pregnancy rate.

Yours faithfully. DONALD REID, Chief Executive, Association for Public Health, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, WC1.

#### From Mr R. Stafford

November 10.

Sir, I would be interested to know exactly how Professor Scruton conducted the experiments that have led him to the conclusion that a fish caught on a hook feels more pain than a stag or fox pursued by a pack of hounds; how, single-handedly, he managed to overturn one of the most basic concepts of zoology - that the nervous system of mammals is more advanced than that of fish.

I would have far more respect for the professor if he were simply to state that he enjoys hunting.

Yours faithfully, R. STAFFORD, 12 Mariborough Court, Marlborough Hill, Harrow, Middlesex. November 10.

#### From Mr C. T. Pryde

Sir, Roger Scruton attempts to replace scientific argument with a morally intellectual and, presumably, superior set of rules. All he succeeds in doing is to imply that teachers of sex education are the role models for paedophiles, that ignorance of sex safeguards chastity and that Sigmund Freud is largely reponsible for under-age sex in this

He also refers to the "fact" that sex education "is devoted to ... making children feel 'good' about things which fuddy-duddies wish to 'repress'; and he tells Mr Michael Foster, MP, "for a fact" that the fish he hooks "feel far more pain and fear than any hunted fox".

Really? Surely the word "fact" should not be used so casually in a morally based argument. The only fact I can discern about the professor article is that it is highly opinionated and deeply misguided.

Yours sincerely, CAMERON PRYDE (Teacher of mathematics), The Blackpool Sixth Form College, Highfurlong, Blackpool, Lancashire. November 10.

#### From Dr Kenneth Mole

Sir. As a philosopher Roger Scruton is right to point out that levels of stress hormones are no better a measure of suffering than of thrills. Bungeejumping and marathon-running are not confined to masochists.

Also, as a scientist, he is right to point out the lack of an empirical basis for Freud's funtasies. But to Freud they were just as much "common sense" as Roger Scruton's empathies with fish or fox are to him.

Philosophers or dictators who have recourse to "common sense" for answers to moral questions can always have it their own way.

Sincerely, KENNETH MOLE. The School, Buckhorn Weston, Gillingham, Dorset. drkmole@aoi.com November 10.

#### Smoke signals on Labour donation

From Mrs Lynne Hodge

Sir, After the controversy surrounding Bernie Ecclestone's donation of one million pounds to the Labour Party and the leniency shown by the International Automobile Federation to Michael Schumacher's "instinctive" ranming of a rival (reports, Nov-ember 12), I am very surprised that decent law-abiding tobacco com-panies want any association with Formula One motor racing.

Yours faithfully, LYNNE HODGE. Church Farm House, North Tuddenham. Dereham, Norfolk. adrian\_hodge@compuserve.com

#### From Mr Caspar Rock

Sir, It used to be that political donations bought favours from gov-ernment - it now seems that shortterm, interest-free loans will suffice.

Yours faithfully, CASPAR ROCK, 75 Burnthwaite Road, SW6. caspar.rock@framlington.co.uk November 13.

#### From Mr Brian H. Taylor

Sir, Samuel Johnson said to Boswell: Sir. I have two very cogent reasons for not printing any list of subscribers; — one, that I have lost all the names, — the other, that I have spent all the money.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN H. TAYLOR, Sylverstone. Ashley Park Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

#### From Mr A. J. Watson

Sir, It is clear why the Labour Party vehemently denounced brown envelopes - they are simply not big enough.

This would be somewhat difficult

for them as the RSC simply leases its

theatre in the Barbican Centre. The

Corporation of London, the local

authority for the City of London.

owns, funds and manages the Bar-

own income from the City's business

rates, at no cost to the national

This, and other arts expenditure by

the corporation, makes us the coun-

try's third largest funder of the arts

after the Government and the BBC.

Policy and Resources Committee.

We pay for the whole of it out of our

Yours sincerely, A. J. WATSON, 60 Clissold Crescent, N16, November 11.

Bank".

bican Centre.

Yours faithfully.

Members' Room.

November 5.

Chairmán,

JUDITH MAYHEW.

Corporation of London.

From Mr A. F. Baines

PO Box 270, Guildhall, EC2.

taxpayer.

#### Arts funding and independence of opera companies

#### From Lord Crickhowell

Sir, It is deeply depressing that the Government should threaten the independence of English National Opera - a company that attracts wide popular support and makes nonsense of the assertion that opera is an elitist entertainment (letters, November 5, 8

Just as depressing is the serious threat posed to the major touring companies, Scottish Opera, Opera North, Welsh National Opera and Glyndebourne Touring Opera, which take opera of the highest quality to cities outside London.

If the Royal Opera and ENO were forced to tour extensively, the effect on the budgets of those companies would be so damaging as to threaten their survival - an outcome that would the privileged few

**CRICKHOWELL** (Director, Welsh National Opera, 1988-92), House of Lords. November 11.

#### From Mrs Doris Lessing

Blessed village

turned.

"luck parish".

HUGH PYE.

should stay.

Yours faithfully,

4 Gemini House,

JENNY REES,

November 13.

Tuxwell Farm,

Yours faithfully.

From Brigadler H. W. K. Pye

Sir, We, as a country, are happy to write off millions of pounds for a contingency fund on an arms or other big contract, but we grudge even a fraction of that money for the arts. Yet the arts are what we are good at. Other

countries know this, if we don't. I have been struck by the spiteful pleasure in some of the comments on the opera crisis made by people who

Sir. The little parish of All Saints'

Aisholt on the Quantocks has no war memorial on which to place a wreath

on Remembrance Sunday because

nobody was killed in either World

War. All those who joined up re-

I understand this is known as a

Spaxton, Bridgwater, Somerset.

Sir. How can there be any doubt, now,

about the future of the Royal Yacht?

Tonight she lies in the Pool of London

freport, November 14], captivating vis-

itors from all over the world. Here she

180-182 Bermondsey Street, SE1.

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Home from sea

From Miss Jenny Recs

should be rejoicing that our opera and theatre are so good that visitors come

are those who want that — it will be the end of one of the liveliest, bravest and genuinely popular artistic efforts This can be such a nasty little coun-

so stupid.

Yours faithfully, DORIS LESSING, November II.

#### From Mr Tony Clayton

Sir, Chris Smith is surely being disingenuous in suggesting three companies share Covent Garden.

need and can't afford two opera com panies and if so he should have said so. Or is this simply a way of disposing with ENO and throwing even more money at the Opera House management, which has already been accused of fiscal ineptitude? Perhaps he should have cut costs and solved another problem by suggesting the peers share the Lower Chamber.

Yours faithfully, TONY CLAYTON, Bennetts. Mill Road, Buxhall, Suffolk.

From the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee

#### bullet, Tosca", November 5) that "the Royal Shakespeare Company should here from all over the world. sell the Barbican and merge with the Royal National Theatre on the South

If the ENO is destroyed - and there

try; so philistine, so mean, and often

24 Gondar Gardens, NW6.

It may well be that London doesn't

of the Corporation of London Sir, I was somewhat surprised to read Simon Jenkins's comment ("It's a real

#### Sir, In this country of ours, where you don't need to look hard for depriva-

tion, the £15 million benefactors of the Royal Opera House have a simply astonishing order of values.

Yours faithfully, A. F. BAINES, 12 Kirk Lane,

Eastby. Skipton, North Yorkshire. November 6.

#### News on demand

From Mr Christopher A. Long

Sir, You quote Mr Tony Hall, chief executive of the BBC's new 24-hour news service, as saying that it is meeting the growing appetite for news on demand" (report, November 10). If this is what Mr Hall thinks he's

supplying he is mistaken. News on demand (NOD) is a standard definition in the news industry of the sort of service increasingly offered by Internet news providers. This allows us to specify and receive only the sorts of news items we ourselves define - eg, by subject, category, location, language, news source - as and when we choose. Admirable though its new service may be, the BBC is offering us no added choice whatever. It is merely giving us its own well-known brand, 24 hours a day.

Sincerely, CHRISTOPHER LONG, 48 Vincent Square, SWI. calong@dircon.co.uk

#### From Mr Robert Breckman

Sir. Too much is being mar' surely. of the fact that the monopo . held by satellite television on a 'a 'reas of sports coverage effective 's as us to pay to view. The BBC r and s a 24-hours news service on caral Tod I am expected to pay for this, ir 194 from to my licence fee. What is the contents the d

Yours faithfully.

ROBERT BRECKMAN de of h 40 South Molton Street, ed h \_\_\_y, but the

#### Girl power

From Mr Martin Offer

Sir, Those who are dismayed by the current advertising trend showing men humiliated by women (report and article, November 12) may wish to reflect on your report (November 10) that the Spice Girls notion of girl power was invented by their male manager.

Given the large proportion of men in advertising, the blame for such aggressive sexism may not necessarily lie with the opposite gender. Yours faithfully,

MARTIN OFFER. 4 Lion Road. Nyenmber, Pagham, West Sussex. November 12.

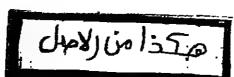
#### Give and take

From Dr Max Prola

Sir, Your Diary report today that the Kirov opera and ballet company has arrived in London on a fundraising tour seems to be the direct opposite of

"taking coals to Newcastle". Is there a word or phrase to describe the futile act of asking for assistance from those who themselves seek

Sincerely, MAX PROLA. The Croft. Ditchfield Lane. High Legh. Knutsford, Cheshire. .j64@dial.pipex.com
November 10.



Yours sincerely.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

The Baroness Farrington of

Ribbleton (Baroness in Waiting)

was present at Heathrow Airport.

London, this morning upon the Departure of The President of the

Republic of Yemen and bade farewell to His Excellency on

The Lord Whitty (Lord in Wait-

ing) was present at Heathrow

Airport, London this evening upon

the Arrival of The King and Queen

of Norway and welcomed Their

Majesties on behalf of The Queen.

November 14: The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and

Clothing Export Council, this

morning visited Helen David Eng

fice, Leighton Road, Kentish

Her Royal Highness, President

the Rural Housing Trust, this afternoon attended a Luncheon at

the Royal Veterinary College. University of London, Royal Coll-

The Princess Royal, President

British Knitting and Clothing Ex-

port Council, afterwards visited Links of London, Jermyn Street, London SWI, and Ghost Limited.

the Chapel, Kensal Road, Londor

November 14: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The

November 14: The Princess Mar-

garet, Counters of Snowdon, President, the Royal Scottish Society for

Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

was present this evening at the Touch of Tartan Ball held at the

Beach Ballroom. Aberdeen, in aid

of the Society and was received by

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of

the City of Aberdeen (Councillor Mrs Margaret Farquhar).

ST JAMES'S PALACE

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London NWS.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

behalf of The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this morning opened the Salters' Homeless City Foyer. Smithfield, London EC4, and was received by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor (Alderman Richard Nichols) and Mr Jon Kurht (Deputy Project Manager, Salters' City

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the Foyer, meet-

ing residents and staff. The Oueen and The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently visited the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, were received by the Rector (the Reverend Dr Martin Dudley) and met representatives from the Corporation of London, the Worshipful Company of Salters, the Soho Housing

Association and Centerpoint. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness afterwards drove to Tower Pier and, having been received by the Resident Governor of Her Majesty's Tower of London (Major Cieneral Geoffrey Field) and Captain Cordon Dickins (Port of London Authority Harbour Master. Upper District). embarked in the Royal Barge. accumpanted by The Prince of Wales, and subsequently embarked in HMY Britannia in the Phot of London to hold a Farewell

Luncheon for Service Chiefs.
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh held a Reception at Windsor Castle this evening to mark the completion of the restora-tion work, at which The Prince of Wales. The Duke of York, The Prince Edward and The Princess Royal, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, were present.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, King George's Fund for Sailors, this evening attended a Dinner in HMY Britannia in the

#### Weekend royal engagements

Prince Edward, as Trustee, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will host a dinner on board HMY Britannia, Pool of London, at 7.30 for the founder charter members of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award's Charter for Business.

TOMORROW: Prince Edward, will attend the 21st anniversary gala performance by the National Youth Music Theatre the Palace Theatre, at

Princess Margaret will attend Stars of the Night, a gala of dance at Her Majesty's Theatre, to mark the amalgamation of the Benesh Institute and the Royal Academy of Dancing at 7.25.

#### Elizabeth College, Guernsey

Mr David Toze, Director of the Vienna International School, to be Principal of Elizabeth College, Guernsey from September 1998 on the retirement of Mr J.H.F.

Winchester College

The Farewell to Dick Griffin' takes place in School at 7,30pm on Friday, December 5. All donations and purchase of tickets to the Valedictory Address: Telephone 01482 611515 during working hours. Noti hoc practerire!

#### Appointment

Mr David Herbert Penry-Davey, QC. to be a Justice of the High Court.

#### Weekend birthdays

Mr Peter Phillips Is 20 years old

TODAY: Mr Ed Asner, actor, 68: Mr J.G. Ballard, novelist, 67: Mr John M. Banfield, director, Mobil Europe. 50: Mr Daniel Barenbolm, pianist and conductor, 55: Mr Andrew Castle, tennis player, 34; Sir Geof-frey Chandler, former Director-General, NEDO, 75; Miss Petula Clark, singer, 65: Mr Andre Deutsch, publisher, 80: Professor Peter Dickinson, pianist and composer, 63: Mr Tibor Fischer, author, 38: Mr Martin Hammond, Headmaster, Tonbridge School, 53: Miss Paulo Kahn, furmer chairman and chief executive. Group, 57; Mr Aleksander Kwasniewski. Presient of Poland, 43; Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, 59: Sir Alistair MacKechnie, chartered accountant, 63. Mr Tim Pears, writer, 41: Mr D.D Rae Smith, chartered accountant. 78: Canon Eric Sta-ples, former Chaplain to The Queen, 87; Mr Ralph Stubbs, tacehorse trainer, 52; Mr John W.

Jordan, 74: Sir Roger Young, former Principal, George Watson's College, Edinburgh, 74. TOMORROW:

Mr Frank Bruno, boxer, 36: Sir Alan Budd, economist, 60; Mr Willie Carson, former jockey, 55; Lord Fairhaven, 61; Mrs Zina Garrison-Jackson, tennis plaver. 34; Viscount Goschen, 32; Sir John Hanson, Director-General British Jeeves, President, Royal Society of Edinburgh, 71: Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, British Airways, 64; the Duke of Northumberland, 4i; Professor W.G Overend, former Master, Birkbeck College, 76; Mr Griff Rhys Jones, actor, writer, director and producer, 44; Sir Giles Shaw, former MP, 66; Mr John G. Stenhouse, former chair-man. Stenhouse Holdings, 89, Canon H.J. Stuart, former chaplain-in-chief. RAF. 71: Sir Edward Tomkins, former diplomat, 82: Mr. David Wilson-Johnson, baritone, 47: Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub. cardiothoracic surgeon, 62: Professor Michael Zander, Professor of

#### Service dinners

Field Marshal Lord Inge was the principal guest at the annual dinner of Il Squadron, Honourable Artillery Company held last night at Armoury House. Major N.J.I. Haigh, Squadron Com-mander, presided. Officer Cadet E.H. Davies also spoke.

The Devoashire and Dorsel Regiment

General Sir John Wilsey. Colonel of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, presided at the annual dinner of the officers' association held last night at the Army and Navy Club. The Bishop of home and the Comman of Devon ACF were the guests of the regiment

Army Cadet Force Association General Sir Michael Walker was the principal guest at the Army Cadet Force Association's annual dinner held last night at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea. Cieneral Sir Peter de la Billière. president, was in the chair.

#### Dinners

Cambridgeshire Lieutenauc Mr Michael Marshall, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, presided at a dinner held last night at Jesus College, Cambridge, given by the Deputy Lieutenants and neighbouring Lord-Lieutenants to mark the 70th birthday of Mr James Crowden, Lord-Licutenan of Cambridgeshire.

Auchorites Mr David Jacobs was the prin-cipal guest at the annual ladies night dinner of the Anchorites held last night at the Cafe Royal. Commodore A.D. Barrett, president, was in the chair.

Minerva Society Mr John P. Weston, Chairman and Managing Director of British Aerospace Defence, was the guest nour at the annual dinner of the Minerva Society held last night at RAF Henlow, by permission of the Commandant RAFSEE. Air Commodore G. Jones, chairman of the society, presided, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison and Flight Lieutenant A. McCloud, winner of the Minerva Prize, were among those present.

Cordwainers Company Dr Dominic Hibberd and Mr Christopher Heaps, Master of the Curriers' Company were the guests of honour at a dinner of the Cordwainers' Company held las night at the Law Society. Mr Paddy Skinner, Master, presided. Mr Richard Brown also spoke.

During the dinner, the Master resented the annual awards for the best trained soldier and best recruit to the Officer Command ing, C (City of London Pusiliers) Company. The London Regiment.

#### Latest will

Albert Chency Westwood, of Ded-ham, Colchester, left estate valued at £2,698,792 net.

misfortune as success.

THE ARTS

Dreams, debts and the director Stroking his greying beard, Francis Coppola says: "What doesn't kill you, only makes you stronger." The line, in fact, is Nietzsche's, but

Coppola has good reason for making it his own. At 49: and with 17 films to his name, he

has experienced quite as much failure and

After the early glory of The Godfather and its Oscar-laden sequel, he embarked on the ambitious Apocalypse Now, which became a by-word for profligacy and miscalculation. Hard on its heels, with dreams of single-handedly revolutionising the film business, he entablished his use and its 72-and and 12-and 12-and

see it sink along with his cherished musical One From the Heart.

Left with personal debts of more than \$20 million, he has, since that time, worked as a

director-for-hire on a string of movies, among them The Cotton Club, The Outsiders and

Gardens of Stone, which have, for the most part, found neither critical nor commercial

lavour. Some, like the wondrous Rumble Fish

for example, undoubtedly deserved better, but even Coppola himself dismisses his one

outstanding commercial success of the period.

Peggy Sue Got Married, as "something of a

He has, however, at long last bounced back to both form and favour with Tucker, a surprisingly upbeat fable of American life which has won considerable praise and attracted large audiences in the United States

and which opens this week in London.



Nicola Richards and Russell Harris of London who have recently announced their engagement

#### **High Sheriffs**

ON THIS DAY

November 15, 1988

Simon Banner interviewed Francis Coppola, maker of The Godfather and

Apocalypse Now, whose latest film, Tucker, had restored his fortunes after

the collapse of his studio

Subtitled The Man and his Dream, the film

Subtitled The Man and his Dream, the film tells the story of Preston Tucker (played by Jeff Bridges), an American cau-maker of the 1940s who set out to produce "the ear of tomorrow today" and, in so doing, break the monopoly of the automobile giants of Detroit.

The Tucker Torpedo, as the car was dubbed, featured such innovations as a centre headlight, disc brakes, aerodynsmic styling and fuel injection. Yet despite taking over an abandoned military plant ourside Chicago and raising around \$20 million from small investors. Preston Tucker only made \$0 of his

tors, Preston Tucker only made 50 of his revolutionary vehicles before his company foundered amid charges of fraud (of which he

was subsequently acquitted) ...
Comparisons between Tucker and Coppola.

and in particular his experience with his own doomed enterprise, the Zoetrope studios, seem irresistible. Like the hero of his film, Coppola

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ned to break the power of the ruling giants

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The following have been nomi-nated for High Sheriff:

WALES Clwyd - Colonel H M E Cadogan, Ruthin: D E Williams, St Asaph, Denbighshire; P H Rosselli, Overton-on-Dee, Wresham.

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Mid Glamorgan - A R Lewis, Llantrisant: D H Thomas, Bridgend: W H Joseph, Laleston,

Powys - JT K Trevor, Welshpool; J G Coltman-Rogers, Knighton; W N H Legge-Bourke, Glanusk Park,

South Glamorgan - D M Jones, 'Cowbridge: Mrs M Watkins, Penarthis M C Eddershaw,

West Glamorgan - R H Lloyd-Griffiths, Port Eynon, Gower, Swansea: A D Morris, Murion, Swansea; H A Steane, Sketty

#### **Dorset Lieutenancy**

The following have been appointed Deputy Lieutenants of Dorset: Mr Robert Donald Baxter, Sherborne: Mrs Joanna Mary Earle, Sherborne: Mr David John Poz, Christchurch; Captain Michael Fulford-Dobson, RN. Cerne Abbey; Mrs Patricia Ann Hymers. Wimborne: Mrs Elizabeth Jane Jaggard, Winfrith Newburgh; Mr Harry John Crawley Ross Skin-ner, Dorchester; Mrs Pameia Dorothy Maud Seaton, Dorchester, Mr Anthony Graham

#### Weekend anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Pitt the Elder, lst Earl of Charham, Prime Min-ister 1756-61 and 1766-68, London, 1708: Sir William Herschel. astronomer, Hanover, 1738; Erwin Rommel. Commander of the German Afrika Corps in the Second World War, Heidenheim, 1891; Aneurin Bevan, statesman, Tredegar, 1897; Sir Sachevereil Sitwell, writer, Scarborough, 1897. DEATHS: Johannes Kepler,

astronomer, Regensburg, Ger-many, 1630; Christoph Gluck, composer, Vienna, 1787; George Romney, portrait painter, Kendal, Cumbria, 1802; William Murdock inventor, Sobo, 1839; Tzu-Hsi. dowager Empress of China, Pe-king, 1908; Lionel Barrymore, actor, Van Nuys, California, 1954; Margaret Mead, anthropologist, New York, 1978.

The SS St Paul became the first ship to receive radio messages, transmitted from the Needles wire-

Miller Reese of New York patent an electrical hearing aid, 1901. The Queen Elizabeth made her

TOMORROW BIRTHS: Francis Danby, painter, near Wexford, 1793; John Bright, anti-Corn Laws campaigner. Rochdale, Lancashire, 1811; Paul Hindemith, composer, Hanan, Germany, 1895; Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the British Union of

Fascists, London, 1896. DEATHS: King Henry III. reigned 1216-72, London, 1272; Perkin Warbeck, pretender to the throne, executed, London, 1499; founder of The Times, Teddington Middlesex. 1812: Louis Riel, leader of the Métis insurrection in Can-sda, esecuted, Regina, Saskatch-ewan, 1885; George Alfred Henty, war correspondent and writer of stories for boys, Weymouth, 1902; Charles Maurra, writer, Tours, 1952; Tyrone Power, actor, Madrid, 1958; Clark Gable, actor, Hollywood, 1960; William Cosgrave, President of the Executive Council of the Irish Pree State 1922-

32, Dublin. 1965. Jack Sheppard, highwayman, was ted at Tyburn, London, 1724. The Soviet Union launched Venus III. an unmanned spacecraft, that

Hamilton Hume, the explor discovered the Murray River, the longest in Australia, 1824.

#### Luncheon

Lord-Lientenant of Kent The Lord-Lieutenant of Kent and Lady Kingsdown attended a lun-cheon held yesterday in Canterbury as guests of the Deputy Lieutenants. Counters Mount natten of Burma presided.

say, he was also fearfully under-capitalised and over-unhitteen.

Coppole himself resists such interpretations by commenting that "pretty much every film" tells you a lot about the person who made it . .

"Certainly I was sure our little Zoetrope was going to work, just like Tucker was sure his car

was going to work, but what people are inclined to overlook is that when I first selected

to pay off Zoetrope's enormous debts. Against the advice of many in the industry he refused to

declare himself bankrupt.

"I had a choice," he says. "I owned all my movies, which is a pretty unusual thing, and my own house, and if I'd gone bankrupt I'd have lost both. I knew that I'd get so angry seeing Apocatypes Now on television thinking that I used to own is, so I made the decision to try and pay everything back. It took me seven years and it was very hard work, but I still feel relatively young and robust."

His debts behind him, he is free to imagine ambitious films once again.

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declare himself bankrupt.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Captain C.L. Andrews and Miss F.A. Suppose

The engagement is announced between Captain Charles Andrews, Scots Guards, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony J. Andrews, of Mont de Marrast, France, and Flona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Bob Simpson, of Hubsand Kent Mr DJ. Gallimore

and Miss M. Ohyuma The engagement is announced between Daniel, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Gallimore, of Stewkley, Buckinghamshire, and Misako, daughter of Mr and Mrs

Hiroshi Ohyama, of Fukushima, Mr V.H. Jaq and Miss J.M. Hamilton-Russell The engagement is announced between Victor, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Raiph Jaques, of Hamp-ton, London, and Julia, daughter of Colonel and Mrs James Hamilton-Russell, of Dudmaston, Shropshire. Mr J.R. Kirker

and Mos S.L. Blair The engagement is announced between James Robert, only son of Professor and Mrs Michael Kirkwood, of Brussels, Belgium, and Samantha Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce Blair, of

Islington, London.

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Hall, and Julia. daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel FitzHugh. Lieutenant D. Harding RN. and Miss E.B. FitzGibbon The engagement is announced between David, son if Mr and

und Ms A.A. Ardley

Mr J.J. Hall

The engagement is announced

between Andrew, son of Mr and

Mrs Richard Fear, of East Oakley,

Hampshire, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs John

Burns, of Culcheth, Cheshire.

and Miss J.K. FitzHingh

Mrs J.J. Harding, of Glasgow, and Ellinor Brigid, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gibbon FitzGibbon, Mr C.E.G. Treberne and Miss R.E.A. Gatti

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs G.A. Treherne, of Wil and Rosselia, daughter of Mr and Wr.J.P. Wat and Miss J.A. David

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr John Walson, of Brighton, and the late Mrs Walson, and Jennifer, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F.A. David, of Pitlochry, Perthshire.

#### University news

Oxford Scholarships and Exhibitions 1997-

Biochemistry: Angela J. Wright, Downham Market Sinth Form

Biological Sciences: Eleanor Fairbrother, Dauntsey's School.

Chemistry: Jennifer L. Lunn, Millfield: Timothy J Brunker, Skinners' School, Tumbridge Wells; Jonathan C Burley. Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne: Christopher P Shipley. Driffield School.

Engineering Science: Mark A Capps, Kimholton School; John Enthoven, Eton College; Nathan V Piper, Beaufort School.

EEM: Eleanor M Mack, Millifield English Language & Literature: Finlay MacDougall, Shrewsbury School; Jeremy A Noel-Tod, Dereham Sixth Form Centre:

Collegiate School, Edgware. Fine Art: Timothy A Machin, Thomas Alleyne's School, Exeter. Law: Amy C Street, Chipping Camden School.

Mathematics: Julius A Ross, Barton Poverill College, Eastleigh.

Mathematics & Philosophy: Chris-topher T Canning, Wadham Com-munity School, Crewkerne. Medicine: Kate V Brown, Cheltenham Ladies' College. Modern Languages: Rosalind P J

Brett, Perse School for Girls; Andrea C Cockram, Bolton School (Girls' Division). Philosophy & Modern Languages: Jane E Harris, Godolphin &

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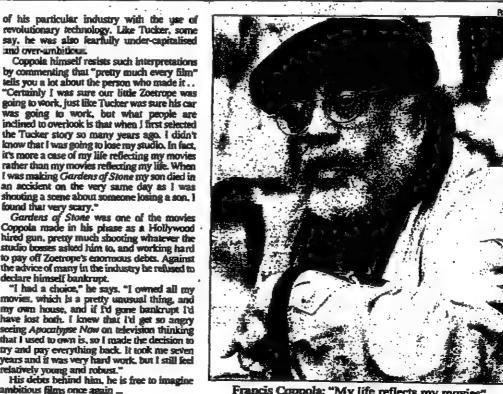
Sixth Form College; Rebecca Stone, James Allen's Girls' School, London: Samenths H Walker. King Edward VI Handsworth

Law: Alexander R M Learmonth, Rutland School.

Literae Humaniores: Jonathan C Davies, Magdalen College School, Oxford; Marie L Von Glinski, St Adelheld Gymnasium, Germany. Mathematics: Isvor I Lubomirov, Burleigh Community College, Loughborough

Modern Languages: Kerry A Stalker, Barrow-in-Purness Sixth

Physics: · Peter J Blythe. Dimington Comprehensive, Sheffield; Robin S Smith; Bryn Jeffries, Roade School, Northampton.



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BIRTHS

you had beard the message of the trath, the good news of your salvation, and had believed it - in him you were stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 1:13 REFCE - On November 3rd, to Annabelle (nee Beckett) and

BOYLE - On Novamber 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Janelle (née Hobbe) and Craig, a daughter, Chelsea Peta, a sister for Karina. DOLLARD - On November 4th at Chalata and Warrainster Hospital to Penny (nee Kinch) and Paul, a son James Christopher Ambrose LINSEY - On November 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Angelina (nee Keane) and Marthew, a son, David.

MAUNDER - Due 15th November, but arrived 17th September, impatient to get on with life, to Lindsey (nee Brandom) and Crispin, a

ORE - On Movement 7th, 1 fullet (nee Peers) and Stephen, a son, Edward Jack, a brother for Alexander NEWLAND - On November 9th

NORTHOVER - Rugby.
Warwickshire. All Blessings and welcome Baby Emily, from Great-Aust Delma. Grandfather Barrie Grant. Great-Grandmother Rosa. Grandfather Raymond and Valetie.

OLIVER - On November 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Susanne (née Owen) and Warren, a beautiful daughter, Sabina Catrin OYLER - On November 19th 1997, to Margaret (née Lupinacci) and David, a daughter, Anna Elizabeth.

DEATHS

AMDERSON - Sophle (née Bywater) and Mark are delighted to announce tha birth of Fellz Alexander Earli on Sur November 1997.

SARTH - On 13th November 1997 in Minmi, to Michael and Karen (nee Castillelos), a 60n, Daniel Michael, a brother for Laura Elizabeth STRACTORITZ PARKETON - On November 4th 1997, to jessica (ode Wilson) and Nicholas, a daughter, Isabelle Maria Jane.

THEMANS - To Sally (née Codes) and Johnny on 8th November, a son, Glies Patrick, a brother for Hardet.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

Gretta 15th November 1947 in Brentwood, Still here! DEATHS

BARONIAN - Kinarig died peacefully at home in wimbleden aged 87 years on homeman with 1977. Fuorei to take place at St Sarkis Church, Kensington at 1.30pm, followed by cremation at Lambeth Crematorium at 3 pm on Tuesday 18th November 1997.

BOYD - Ann (née Savill), beloved widow of Derek, peacefelly at home on Wednesday 12th November, Funeral Service at All Saints' Church, Odtham, on Friday 21st November at 230 pa. Family Rowers only, but if wished, donations in her memory may be made to REFIAB, c/o A & W Goddard, Keat Road, Fleet, Flampshire, All enquiries: (01252) 616441.

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BUIST-WELLS - Namey on November 13th aged 86.
Beloved wife of the late 801, mother of William, stepmother of June and Montes, Funent Service at 2 30 pm on Saturday November 22nd Enquiries to Richard T. Adlem, Funeral Director on (01725) 562309.

CARVER - Catharine, editor, died on 11th November in Chelsea Cremation as Mortlake Crematorina Tuesday 18th November at 12:30 pm. All friends very

CLAYTON - Lady Joyce (Joy) on 11th November after a short illness. No flowers please and cremation strictly private. Commensuration later.

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E.WYM - On November 13th John, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, aged 80.

Welsh Painter, Dearly lored by his wife Gillian Setterworth and step-children Robbs and Louisa. Funeral at Southampton Fournal at Southampton Crematorium on Taureday 20th howember at 2 pm and afterwards at Friends Meeting House, Colebrook Street, Winchester, Donations, please, instead of flowers to "Tenowas" or "Royal Artists" Benevolent Fund" c/o Juo Steel & Son, 6 Chesti Street, Winchester, Hasta.

FORBES - On November 13th John Genham aged 89 years, most beloved hushand of Anglev, wonderful father of Colin and Mark and loving grandfather of Andrew, Lamm and Jonathan, Funeral Service at Glynn Valley Crematorium, Bodmin, on Thursday 20th November at 11 am. No glowers please, but donations to King George's Fund for Sailors may be sent clo Ron Bray Funeral Director, 5-ddys Ed. Wadebridge, Comwail, tok (U1208) 812666.

GOUGH - On November 13th, The Right Rev. Hugh Gough CMG, O.B.E., died at home aged 92 years. A Memorial Service will be held at St Pator's Church, Over Walley, Hampshire as Priday 21st November at 2.30 pm. No flowers please. Enquiries to A.H.. Cheater., Sommey. (01794 513393).

GREEN - James Douglas on 11th November 1997 suddenly, but peacefully, at home, we give that her the long life of the beloved husband to the late Jean, father to Sheelagh, Ann, Ian and Jonathan and stepfather to Richard and Christopher. Funeral at Singleton Parish Church on Friday, 21st November at 11 am.

Interest of the suddenly at his home in Farts aged 47 years John Lamett, bale of the late Gerald and Audrey, adored daddy of Laura and a man beyone the late of the late of the late of the law had been been and Judy. The Juneral service and committee will take place at Lawiswood Cramatorium, Leeds, on Friday 21st November at 12 noon.

JORY - On November 12th peacefully in hospital, The Reverend Joo Jory, of Chagford, Devon Much lored husband of Bil, dearly loved by all his children and grandchildren. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity, Church, Drewnsteignton, Devon on Friday November 21st at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, Donathous if desired for Leigna of Friends Monwtonhumpstead Hospital by retiring collection or clo Maddalord Funeral Services, 9 East collection or cio Maddaford Funeral Services, 9 East Street, Okshampton EX20 IAS.

LOWE - Jack on Thursday November 13th 1997 very suddealy. Missed so very such by Famela, Anthea, Sarah, Bobers, Charles, Sophie and Cherlette. Enquiries to Es Hackmort & Sou, Tunbridge Wells, tel: (01892) \$22462. Family flower only.

MANN - James Hegiteron Mann M.B.E. (MIL) MA FCA, peacefully after a short libers, one month before his 100th birthday, Cremation 100th birthday, Cremation at Southampton Crematodium on Friday 21st November at 12 (nova). Family flowers only please but fornations if desired may be sent to the Tayal Star & Gatter Home: de Beynolds Funeral Service, 31, Fligh Street, Bognor Regis, F021 1gg, Tel: (01243) 864745.

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Gardens of Stone was one of the movies Coppola made in his phase as a Hollywood hired gun, pretty much shooting whatever the studio bosses asked him to, and working hard to pay off Zoetrope's enormous debts. Against Francis Coppola: "My life reflects my movies"

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#### **OBITUARIES**

### LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JIMMY ROBERTS

Lieutenant-Colonel James Roberts, LVO, MBE. aineer, died in Nepal on November I aged 81. He was born on September 21, 1916.

Though he was a distinguished soldier, Jimmy Roberts was better known as a mountain explorer, one of the greats of the golden age of Himalayan exploration and latterly the presiding guru of Nepalese mountaineering. The emos of common of the once The ethos of climbing was complained that modern Himalayan mountaineering had been devalued to the status of league football by the sheer number of expeditions and their accompanying publicity and ballyhoo.

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vacation it has become. Born in India, James Owen Merion Roberts joined the 1st Gurkha Rifles in 1937 via the King's School, Canterbury, and Sandhurst. He wrote: "I joined the Indian Army partly because I was unqualified for any more intellectual employment, but mainly because I wanted to climb in the Himalayas — not just one expedition but a whole lifetime of mountaineering and exploration. It worked."

Roberts's first major expedition, in 1938, was to formidable Masherbrum (25,660ft) in the Karakorum Range, at a time when no summit over 26,000ft had ever been reached. The small party included experienced climbers, but the altitude and terrible weather took their toll and Roberts recalled with horror dressing the blackened finger and toe stumps of two of his companions, severely frostbit-ten on the unsuccessful summit bid. Nothing daunted, he wrote to Bill Tilman, leader of the current Everest attempt, offering his services for the next try. Not surprisingly, Tilman spurned the offer. Later, however, to his intense delight, he was invited to join a 1940 Everest attempt together with a Captain John Hunt.

The war intervened and soldiering became a serious business. Swapping mountains for the jungle, Roberts volunteered for the Gurkha Parachute Battalion and commanded the first operational drop of the Burma War, winning an

MC. Two years later he fought in the desperate battle of Sangshak and was mentioned in dispatches. Throughout the war, his climbing gear accompanied him in a tin trunk labelled "A Company Sports Kit" and was occasionally put to good use, notably in Kulu in 1941 where he made the first ascent of White Sail (21.148ft), After the war. Roberts re-

turned to action against communist insurgents in Malaya as second in command of the 1st/2nd Goorkhas. Mentioned in dispatches again, he was appointed MBE in 1955. He was meanwhile active among the big mountains, locating and attempting the huge Saser Kangri in the Karakorum in 1946-47. But Nepal, still virtually unknown, had just opened up, and in 1950 an invitation to explore the Annapuma massif could hardly be ignored. The massif was circumnavigated and Annapuma IV was attempted, but the two men disliked each other from the start. Complaining of cold feet, Roberts was rebuffed with the memorable comment "All our feet are frozen, but not all of us whine about it".

Disappointed to be chosen only as a reserve climber for the ultimately successful 1953 Everest expedition, Roberts made notable low-key explorations in East Nepal and in



mysterious Dhaulagirl Himal, climbing several peaks. In 1957 he led a strong team to Machhapuchhare, the classic Fish-Tail Mountain above Pokhara, discovering legendary Annapurna Sanctuary during a reconnaissance. His lead climbers Novce and Cox, retreated from immediately below the summit, considering the final double cornices too dangerous to attempt the mountain is virgin still, and for religious reasons is now off-limits.

In 1958 Roberts was appointed military attache in Kathmandu. Although by now at the hub of the Nepalese mountain scene, this was a busy assignment. He managed, however, to lead a successful expedition to Annapuma II the last unclimbed 26,000footer - besides escorting the Oueen around Pokhara in 1961, for which he was appointed MVO flater converted

Determined to remain in Nepal. Roberts retired from the Army in 1962. He had long felt that whereas high altitude climbing itself was masochism, a Himalayan approach march was a relaxing and rewarding experience, potentially a magnificent holiday. With excellent contacts in official circles and among the sherpa people he knew so well, he ounded his firm, Mountain Travel, in 1964, essentially to escort hardy hikers around the ultimate mountains while providing employment for local people. For several years it was the only trekking agency in Nepal, but such was its success that today some 350 agencies cater for thousands each year.

After the hugely successful 1963 American Everest expedition, which Roberts had joined as logistics organiser, he was invited by Norman Dhyren-

furth to join an attempt on

Everest's virgin south west face. But Roberts was already assembling his own team with the same objective. Thus the 1971 international expedition eventually reached Everest with 23 members from 13 countries, led jointly by Dhyrenfurth and Roberts.

Despite prolonged bad weather and rampant sickness, they pushed to within 1,500ft of the top. Roberts had little time for inflated egos or histrionics, and unfortunately several of the team proved to be incompatible prima donnas. The British and American members recalled how Pierre Mazeaud, a fine alpinist and aspirant French sports minister, outraged that he had been asked to carry loads for "Anglo-Saxons and Japanese", declared "it is not me but France that is insulted", and continued to disparage Roberts personally over dinner in the base camp mess tent. Clicking his fingers, Roberts summoned two burly sherpas and spoke calmly in Nepali. Promptly they ejected Mazeaud into the

freezing night.
Disulusioned by the expedition, Roberts wrote: "My main regret was the loss of my childish personal belief that mountaineers of a certain calibre and reputation must also be

He was already in considerable pain from damaged hips. and this was the end of his active mountaineering. The flourishing business was absorbed into the Tiger Tops group in 1975, but Roberts retained a keen interest in mountaineering affairs. Aware that expensive permits and complex bureaucracy were inhibiting small, frugal expeditions climbing in his own style, he would advise that a basic permit to trek to a viewpoint - rather than an expedition to a mountain might cover a multitude of sins. Eventually he persuaded the Tourist Ministry to release a list of 18 peaks of up to 22,000ft that could be attempt-

ed with a minimum formality. Seriously stricken by arthritis and other afflictions, Roberts became a semi-cripple. He retired to his holding outside Pokhara, living a spartan, reclusive life, breeding rare pheasants and suffering in silence. Always he took great delight when old and new friends managed to visit, especially if they came armed with a bottle of malt whisky, when his acerbic wit and forthright opinions would enliven conversations well into the night. There, in the shadow of the Annapurna snows, he faded gradually away, and it is fitting that his ashes were scattered in the Seti

#### MARGARET POTTER

Margaret Potter, artist and illustrator, died on October 24 aged 81. She was born on June 12, 1916.

ILLUSTRATORS who confine their focus to the objects and history of the world around them win few accolades. Margaret Potter, who worked as an illustrator of children's books, was no exception. But her work, always undertaken alongside her husband Alexander ("Alick"), was in its own way remarkable.

Born a Whittington, and said to be a descendant of the famous Lord Mayor, Margaret Potter was the daughter of a farmer and was brought up in a Tudor farmhouse, Perry Oaks Farm, among fields where the runways and terminals of Heathrow airport are now. In the 1920s she used to drive herself to school in a pony and trap, along what is

now the A4. She showed an early taste for drawing and, after leaving school, studied at the Ealing School of Art and began to work as a commercial artist. This proved unfulfilling, so she changed tack, studying domestic science and setting out as a travelling adviser for Radiation Cookers (recipetesting and demonstrationcookery were accompanied by

on-the-spot sketches). With her marriage to Alick Potter in 1939, however, her life gained a new dimension. He was an architect, but also a conscientious objector, and they spent much of the war working hard as wardens of a hostel for Irish labourers in

Wales. Through a chance contact with Noel Carrington, who was editing the Puffin Picture Books for Allen Lane, they agreed to prepare A History of the Countryside for the series. Published in 1944, it was chosen as one of the 50 best

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books of the year by the National Book League, and was followed in 1945 by The Building of London.

There was an element of collaboration in everything the couple did, but Margaret was the prime mover in preparing artwork, and in these two 32-page books she adopted a near-cartoon style of boldly drawn, pop-eyed fig-ures among carefully delineated buildings, with bright lithographic inks used for the alternating colour spreads.

But when the Potters turned their attention to the big, cutout "Puffin Building Books" by L.A. Dovey - three vol-umes for The Cotswold Village (1947) and for A Half-Timbered Village (1951) their gift for elegant, accurate drawing and a more subdued

colouring asserted itself. This was classy work, and it is seen at its finest in two books that John Murray published: Houses (1948) and Interiors (1957). These largeformat historical summaries were characterised by succinct but informative texts, which treated the young reader as an intelligent person, and by a sequence of architectural drawings of great elegance and charm.

As in the Puffin books, the Potters' evident love of the traditional English country-side and its buildings was tinged with fear about how easily and swiftly they could be compromised or Houses was included in a display at the Festival of Britain in 1951, exemplifying the best of British publishing.

In the third edition of Houses, in 1973, the authors recorded their original travels "in a tandem along the roads of the mid-40s", discovering old crafts still in existence ("central heating was scarcely a dream") and comparing this in a spirit of hopeful optimism to modern methods coming

into play. The Potters' hopes for a

great new plan for London, or for responsible building, may have been largely frustrated but during the years after these books were published they continued as a team pur-

suing architectural excellence. For eight years Alick Potter worked in the Sudan, setting up a school of architecture, with Margaret as warden for women students, and in 1965 they moved to Belfast where Alick had been appointed to a new post as Professor of Architecture.

These wanderings were described in their last book, aptly named Everything is Possible (1984) and beautifully decorated with Margaret's drawings. It was written during their retirement to a house it Wales which they designed themselves, and it was here that Margaret suffered a stroke that was to cloud her

final years. She is survived by her husband. There were no

children.

#### Lord Crawshaw, landowner and trustee of Henry Smith's Charity, died on November 7 aged

64. He was born on

March 25, 1933.

LORD CRAWSHAW was a man who always had a winning smile and an engaging sense of humour. Neither of these attributes was in any way diminished by his having to live for 45 years in a wheelchair. He was only 19, just six years after succeeding

to his father's title, when he

broke his back. The occasion was the Bullingdon point-to-point races at which young Oxford undergraduates, often overhorsed by generous parents, set a fast and furious pace, then as now. Crawshaw, an Old Etonian, was riding for the Cup of the Oxford University Drag Hunt, of which he was joint master, when he looked to have had a comparatively simple fall but found himself unable to get up without help.

His world appeared to have crashed. But that proved not to be the case — though his fall and the consequent spell in hospital did prevent him from taking a degree (he had been reading jurisprudence at Christ Church when the accident happened).

His sporting interests continued and he began to devote much of his life to charities often small and local charities that miss out in major distributions. At the time of his death he was involved in more than thirty of them.

He was also a trustee of Henry Smith's Charity, a pos-ition he had filled for 41 years. He scarcely ever missed a meeting, arriving at King's Cross by train, making his way to the taxi rank in his wheelchair and setting off to

the trust offices. His special

#### LORD CRAWSHAW



interest was the distribution of funds to groups such as the disabled, the mentally ill, and to hospital projects and the social services. This year alone the charity has distributed £20

Henry Smith, a salter - he used to salt meat in the City of London - died in 1620 leaving two bequests each of £1,000. One was to provide an income for his desperately poor relations; the other to provide for those who had suffered from Barbary pirates.

These bequests grew to embrace an 80-acre market garden in what is now the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and developed from there into a fine and fashionable housing estate. A few years ago the estate was

said to the Wellcome Trust to the great benefit of the charity. Henry Smith's name lives on in street names in the Royal

Borough. In the country Crawshaw farmed some 2,000 acres at Whatton House, Loughborough, in Leicestershire, an estate that has been in the family for several generations. There he bred a milking herd of brown and white Ayrshire cows. He also maintained a shoot

He bred some thoroughbred horses, in a small way, and one. Perang Teian, won at Ascot in 1982, a great thrill for his owner. The horse's picture has pride of place hanging in the drawing room. The name is Malayan and comes from Crawshaw's visit there on an

inter-parliamentary delegat-

Khola which flows down from

Machhapuchhare.

For 21 years Lord Crawshaw was chairman of the Ouom Hunt, which has arguably the best hunting country in England. He used to attend meets of the hunt in his wheelchair but tiring of that after a few years he got back in the saddle. This became possible when he found a very strong Australian saddle in a shop in Sussex and he mounted bicycle handlebars on the front of it to give him security on the horse.

This caused something of a sensation when he appeared with the Quorn in full regalia of top hat and scarlet coat. But he had the benefit of being carried by one or other of two wonderfully caring horses, one Domino, a piebald cob which came from a gypsy encampment in Ireland originally, and the other a show-off grey called Prince.

In 1981 Crawshaw accompanied some ten couple of hounds from the Quorn plus hunt followers and farmers to County Hall, Leicester, to plead with the county council. not to ban the hunt from their land. The visit was accompanied by a petition signed by

12,000 people. From 1954 to 1958 he was treasurer of the Loughborough Conservative Associ-ation. He made the occasional speech in the House of Lords. often to do with the welfare of

the disabled. He was the 4th Baron; the ist Baron was ennobled by W. E. Gladstone for services to the Liberal Party cause in Lancashire. William Michael Clifton Brooks, as he was before he succeeded his father at the age of 13, never married. He is survived by his two brothers and a sister. The title is now inherited by the elder of

his brothers. David Gerald

Brooks, who was born in 1934.

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#### **MILESTONES**



Baroness Liewelyn-Davies, PC, Government Chief Whip in the House of Lords, 1974-79, died on November 6 aged 82. She was born on

Patricia Llewelyn-Davies was the first woman to run a white office in either House of Parliament, coming to her job through election among the Labour peers in Opposition in 1973. She had become a life peer in 1967 thanks to Richard Crossman, and so joined her husband, the academic and architect Richard Llewelyn-Davies, who had been ennobled four years previously. They were only

team to sit in the Lords - the ist Viscount and Baroness Davidson being the first. Obituary published on November 10.

Lord McGregor of Durris, social historian and public servant. died on November 10 aged 76. He was born on August 25, 1921.

lawyer manqué who gradu-ated from the London School of Economics, sat on many royal commissions and departmental committees. Having worked on a massive departmental committee report on one-parent families, 1969-74, he became president

July 16, 1915.

the third husband and wife

Oliver Ross McGregor, a



both of the National Council for One-Parent Families and the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux from 1981 to 1987. He was chairman of the Royal Commission on the Press, 1974-77, which led to chairmanship of the Advertising Standards Authority, 1980-90, and then to his being appointed chairman of the hastily created Press Complaints Commission in 1991. The survival of the principle of press selfregulation can be largely attributed to his devotion to press freedom - a cause which he also championed in the House of Lords after his arrival there in 1978. He moved from the Labour to the Social Democrat benches

in 1981. Obituary published on November 12.

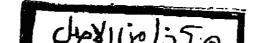
Major-General G. P. B. ("Pip") Roberts, CB, DSO and two Bars, MC, died on his 91st birthday. He was born on November 5, 1906.

Pip Roberts, a career soldier. was given command of the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment in January 1942, and his first tank battle came at the end of May, in the opening phase of the Battle of Gazala. Roberts handled his regiment skilfully, but the tank losses



were heavy. Ten days later he was badly wounded when a tank was shot from under him. Taking command of an armoured brigade on the Alam Halfa Ridge, he inflicted enough damage on the German tanks to force the Afrika Korps to recoil. Three days later Rommel gave up his last attempt to reach the Suez Canal, Roberts then took part in planning the invasion of Northwest Europe, and developed the use of mixed brigades. He always contended that, had Eisenhower not forbidden it, he could have crossed the Elbe and been in Berlin before the Russians.

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# Detectives link missing £49m to Moyne account



Moyne: account signatory

DETECTIVES probing the disappearance of £49 million from Trustor, Swedish investment company, have London under the control of Lord Mayne, the Guinness family member and former merchant banker.

The money was wired to an account with Barclays Bank on which Lord Moyne, the former Jonathan Guinness, and his business associate, Lindsay Smallbone, are signatories. It was subsequently dispersed among at least ten offshore accounts in destinations including America, Switzerland, Luxembourg and The Netherlands. Swedish police, working with the

Serious Fraud Office, visited Barc- shareholder in Effex International, a ors of Access had received "unjustilays on Thursday. Investigators are believed to have found evidence of payments to Josephin Posener, a convicted fraudster who shared offices in Berkeley Square with Lord Moyne's mpany, Guinness Management.

Police in Stockholm have arrested two men - Peter Mattsson, a business associate of Lord Moyne, and Thomas Jisander - in their ongoing investigation into the case. Mr Mattsson, nicknamed "Mr Unlimited" on account of his lavish spending habits, was a director, with Lord Moyne, of Mattsson Guinness Securities, which was struck off the UK companies

register in July.

Mr Mattsson was at one time a

currency trader shut down in 1995 with losses of £9 million. He was introduced to Lord Moyne by Michacl Wynne-Parker, active in British polo circles, who, with the peer, was a director of Access to Justice, a London company shut down by the De-partment of Trade and Industry (DTI) in September.

Access to Justice dispensed free advice to convicted criminals, and rented out office suites in Central London. The DTI ordered its winding up in the public interest, amid allegations that the company falsely presented itself as a charity, and disayed irregularities in its accounts. In its petition, the DTI said direct-

fied financial benefits" from the company. Monies were paid to Introcom, a public relations company that included Lord Moyne and Mr Wynne-Parker among its directors.

The Trustor case threatens a further embarrassment to Lord Moyne, 67, who could not be reached for comment yesterday. Staff at Guinness Management, on the sixth floor of the former Saatchi & Saatchi headquarters in Berkeley Square, said Mr Smallbone was "very busy" and would not be commenting.

Lord Moyne paid £20 million in June for a 52 per cent stake in Trustor. In a statement issued a week ago, he said: "Recent public disclosures and personal experiences have destroyed my confidence and trust in the Swedish parties who were associated with me personally. That associ-

ation is now terminated."

Lord Moyne has long cut a colourful figure on the British scene. Educated at Eton and Oxford, he worked as a journalist with Reuters from 1953-56, and later joined the board of Leopold Joseph, the merchant bank. He was a non-executive director of Guinness from 1961 to

A former chairman of the Monday Club, the right-wing pressure group, he once stood for Parliament on a ticket that razor blades be placed in the cells of convicted murderers.

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

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Milken threat

Michael Milken, the former junk bond king, could go back to prison for allegedly violating his probation agreement after an investigation into business dealings after his early release from a ten-year sentence. Page 28

#### Hotels plan

Plans by Inter-Continental Hotels, formerly owned by Grand Metropolitan, for a \$1 billion (£588 million) stock market flotation in New York continue in spite of speculation of an offer from a rival hotels group, Japan's Saison, the current owners. paid \$2 billion for the company at the top of the market in 1988. Page 29

Canny Canary

Canary Wharf, once condemned as a white elephant, is beginning to fulfil its potential as one of London's premier developments as its new owners prepare for a £550 million bond issue. Page 30

# Fiscal code to stop sharp policy swings

By Alasdair Murray and Janet Bush

THE TREASURY is set to introduce a Fiscal Responsibility Code, imposing the same kind of formal scrutiny on government management of fiscal policy as the Bank of England faces in its conduct

of monetary policy.

The code, which the Treasury hopes ultimately to enshrine in legislation, will form the centre-piece of the Govern-ment's Pre-Budget Report on November 25. The report is also expected to spell out Treasury thinking on issues such as tax, welfare reform and competitiveness.

The Treasury said yesterday that the aim of the code was to provide greater transparency in the making of econom olicyand to enhance credibility with the City. ... Under the terms of the code.

the Government will be obliged to formally set medium-term PSBR targets, and alter these only through a formal public announcement. Treasury performance in meeting these targets and respecting the code will be monitored by the Treasury Select Committee. The code will also place the issue of Treasury forecasts and other economic information on a statutory footing. But it is likely to stop short of the New Zealand's Fiscal Responsibility Act, widely seen as the

model for legislation of this kind, which also makes provision to restrict tax and spending plans. straitiacket."

The idea of introducing a code received cautious support from the City and business. Stephen Davies, economic re-

#### Gold slump sends rand to record low

THE price of gold slumped to \$229.25 yesterday, its lowest level for more than 12 years, sending South African shares into a tail-spin and the rand to a record low (Janet Bush writes). The rot set in on Wednesday when the Bundesbank announced that it had been lending out part of its gold reserves for about a year. There are also worries that rich South East Astans will no longer invest because of stock market losses.

search executive at the Institure of Directors, said: "We would support this sort of move. In the late 1980s, the Treasury changed the target with amazing regularity in an attempt to make the actual figures hit the target."

But Simon Briscoe, research director of Nikko Europe, said: "There is a danger the Government will put itself in position where it has so many rules they conflict and place economic management in a

The code also found little support from left-wing Labour MPs concerned that it would further restrict the Government's room for manoeuvre in economic policy.

The Government recently restated its commitment to meeting the "golden rule" of public borrowing — that the Government will borrow only to meet investment commitments over the course of the economic cycle.

· However, if it decides to join a single currency, it would need to alter its target to reflect the even tougher requirements of the EU stability pact.

Hans Tietmeyer, President of the Bundesbank, yesterday cheered European markets by suggesting that European central bankers wanted European interest rates to converge at the lower end of the current range of rates of those countries likely to sign up for the single currency. ☐ The pace of manufacturing

growth slowed in the four months to October as export orders slipped, raising hopes that interest rates might not need to rise again.

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The Tesco bank was overwhelmed as 150,000 people tried to open accounts in four weeks

# RJB contract

By JASON NISSÉ AND MARK COURT

most of the British coal industry, yesterday signed its first new contract with the electricity generators - selling four million tonnes a year to Eastern Electricity at between 115p and 117p a gigajoule. \*
This is half the amount of

coal supplied to Eastern under the existing contract, which ends in April, at a price more than 20 per cent less than RJB In addition, the five-year

deal can be terminated after three years and industry sources said Eastern had given firm commitments to take only three million tonnes a

RJB MINING, which owns year, with the rest sold under option. City analysts now fear RIB may strike an even less advantageous deal with National Power and PowerGen,

the two largest generators. National Power buys nearly 13 million tonnes a year from RJB under the existing contract, but is likely to cut this to seven million, paying about 110p per gigajoule. PowerGen is expected to buy substantially less than half the coal it purchases currently from RJB. RJB shares rose 92p to 157p in relief that a deal had been

# Eastern halves | Andersen's £22m ends De Lorean legal fight

By MARTIN FLETCHER

ARTHUR ANDERSEN, the accountant, has paid the Government £22 million in an out-of-court settlement to end a 12-year legal battle over the collapse of the De Lorean sports car project in 1982.

the terms of the deal, but it is understood that the Government accepted damages of about £22 million. This is far short of the £200 million it originally sought for Arthur Andersen's alleged negligence as De Lorean's auditor.

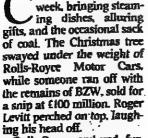
The Government has spent an estimated £15 million in Commentary, page 29 | legal fees pursuing Andersen. The settlement avoids a long of Lotus Cars, were subsetrial in New York next year that could have cost the taxquently accused of fraud. The Commons Public Accounts payer a further £25 million. Committee called the project in 1976, tempted by the prosone of the gravest cases of the

pect of more than 2,000 jobs being created in Northern In 1985 the Conservative government sued Arthur An-dersen for failing to alert min-Ireland, the Labour government of the day gave approval for John De Lorean's new isters to discrepancies found during its audits of the comfactory outside Belfast. Successive governments inpany's accounts, and, for 15 years until last February, the vested nearly £80 million in the high-risk company, which began manufacturing its gullcompany was barred from doing any government work. winged car in 1981, but col-Alex Ingram, the Northern

lapsed the following year. Ireland Economy Minister, Mr De Lorean and Colin said the settlement was "a fair Chapman, former chairman disposal of the action".



#### AWEEK IN THE CITY



Rolls-Royce endured further twists and turns down the road to an uncertain future. No sooner had Mayflower announced that it would not be bidding for Vickers, which owns Rolls, than Volkswagen appeared on the scene. BMW said that it remains interested. The "other" Rolls-Royce, the aero cheque for £200 million from the Government to fund en-

gine development. The on-off bidding for Rolls presented an all-too familiar scenario so a weary Martin Taylor, at Bardays. which managed to flog the European equities and advisory business of BZW to Credit Suisse First Boston for derisory £100 million. Barclays could end up with a book loss of up to £400 million on the deal.

Bitter-sweet cheer for BT, which admitted defeat in the tussle for MCI, but was left with a handsome profit all the same. WorldCom clinched victory with a revised \$37 billion offer - the biggest takeover in history - giving BT a engines bit, received a \$2.25 billion pre-tax profit on

its MCI stake BT wins an additional \$465 million break-off fee from MCL, but has yet to come up with a cogent international strategy.

Chris Evans, the carrottopped disc jockey, tried his hand at high City finance, conjuring up a rival £85 million bid for Virgin Radio. Virgin has accepted an £87 million approach from Capital Radio, subject to regulatory clearance, but said that it would give serious consideration to Evans's approach.

Swedish television crews descended on London to cover the saga of Lord Moyne, the former Jonathan Guinness, whose exploits have captivated the Swedish nation. The colourful peer, who was, until recently, keen

to publicise his new book. Requiem for a Family Business, has said nothing since issuing a statement a week ago, claiming that he had

been let down by associates.

At the High Court, the ex-

cruciatingly drawn-out tor-ture of the Department of Trade and Industry rolled on. Alun Jones, QC, who de-fended Kevin Maxwell at his 1995 trial, and last week got Octav Botnar off the hook. showed little mercy in castigating the DTI over its attempts to bring Roger Levitt back from New York. The cigar-toting Levitt, who began his career as a traince with Marks & Spencer (of all firms), is set to launch a substantial damages claim

against the DTI over its

botched attempt to seek his

Abbey National became the first lender to lift its loan rate in response to the previous week's base rate rise, spelling higher monthly payments for 1.6 million borrowers. Others are expected to follow.

Partners in Coopers & Lyhrand attended a series of pep talks about the intended merger with Price Waterhouse - and were left in no doubt about who was calling the shots. Somewhat happier were depositors in the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, who were told to expect a further payout next summer. Better than a lump of coal.

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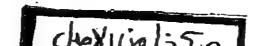
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I you really want to know what is going on at Cable & Wireless, the person to call is Winifred, the 72year-old mother of chief executive. Dick Brown, in Illinois. She will know where in the world he is. Brown says she is the one behind his unrelenting energy and drive. It was Winifred who got him into the habit of rising with the lark after only a couple of hours of sleep, an ability that means he can respond to faxes arriving at his Chelsea home from C&W offices in the Pacific and West Coast time zones through the night. The protestant work ethic runs deep in the mid-West

Since becoming chief executive, Brown has put that boundless energy to the test. He has created and floated ry, sold a stake in Hongkong Telecom to the Chinese and put together separate deals in China and

Such frenetic activity required Brown to spend 150 days overseas and travel a third of a million miles last year. He would often awake mid-air landing, one of his first concerns is to phone his mother, sometimes from the strangest of places. "I say 'do you still love me, mother?' and she laughs. of course, Richard, says Brown, grinning broadly as he pulls up thin black socks of the finest silk.

This week, Brown cheered his investors with healthy half-year results and disclosed that C&W would raise El billion by selling some 50

For Brown, the customer is king. He wants to provide an "integrated,

# Cable chief keeps mum about his global vision

growth of around 15 per cent a year over the next few years, discounting potential Chinese deals. Even so, there was criticism that Brown's strategy is

Fuzzy is apt for Brown because he There are clouds everywhere and the weather is unpredictable. If anybody tells you they know what the map will look like in six months, who will take over who, they are not telling the truth. Anything could happen - and not just from the industry. Outsiders such as the big entertainment and media groups also have an interest in

Even the WorldCom bid for MCI. he adds, should not be taken for granted. "It would not surprise me a bit if somebody else didn't jump in."
So what is Brown's vision? The past

year has been a tidying up exercise, he says. "C&W was a diamond in the rough. I knew there was potential here, but there is even more than I thought. We are still unlocking. Our strategy has to be simple if it is any



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interactive leading-edge telecom service" that offers video on demand, home shopping and banking. His showcases are the new services from C&W Communications and Hongkong Telecom, which will be on line next year. Talks with big entertainment and software players such as News International, owner of The Times. Microsoft, Oracle, Universal Studios and Walt Disney are ever-

Brown says: "Global is the key to this industry. The highest projected traffic over the next 20 years is from trans-Pacific to West Coast seahoard. China is the big challenge and we have three vehicles we can use to expand. The Chinese are excellent negotiators and we have been there for 125 years. That is a long relationship — we are not neophytes."

Brown appears to know where he wants to go, but he is obviously not giving the game away. The map on the wall in his office is crossed by red lines that mark out the C&W network. There is a big gap over the US. If Brown were to go for an alliance, it is likely that it would be an

American company such as AT&T, SBC Pacific or even Bell Atlantic on the East Coast. His 28 years in the US industry have not been in vain. Brown is also

talking to Global One, a venture between Deutsche Telekom, France

Télécom and Sprint US. It is also yet possible that BT may

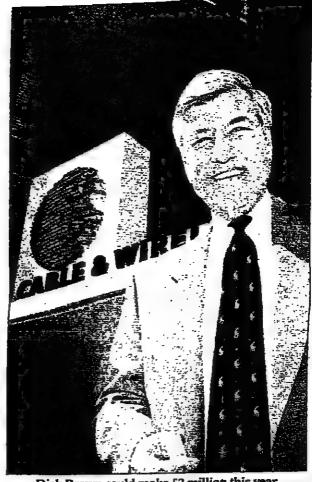
return to C&W, although any bid would have to be agreed. At BT. Sir lain Vallance, chairman, and Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive, have much respect for Brown and his achievements. Insiders say they admire his plump pay package too. Brown, who was head-hunted for the AT&T job, could be paid £2 million. tied into a long-term bonus plan, this year. The deal handcuffs him to the company for three years.

Perhaps the most significant changes of all have been those that Brown has implemented inside C&W — for so long run as a cosy. establishment outpost of the British Empire and often ribbed as an old colonial investment trust. The culture shift has been dramatic, leaving some staff so disgruntled that they call him the axeman. A quarter of the top 100 managers have been sacked and a further 50 have either been promoted or given new jobs.

Brown says: "I know what people say but, to protect them and shareholders, you have to be tough. Where I have moved people to new jobs they are blossoming. How to promote people and bring them on is worry about when I wake up in the middle of the night and can't sleen.

His mother has much to answer for. This weekend she is likely to receive a call from Panama, where Brown will be visiting a recent

MARGARETA PAGANO



# Milken could face return to prison

MICHAEL MILKEN, the former junk bond king, faces the possibility of being sent back to prison following an investigation into business dealings he conducted after his early release from a ten-year He was convicted in 1990 for

insider trading and paid a \$1 billion (£600 million) fine. However, he spent only two years in prison after agreeing never again to become in-

Mr Milken, 51, has recently acted as an advisor to Time Warner, MCI Communications (which was bought this week by WorldCom for \$37 billion in the world's biggest takeover) and The News Corporation, parent company of The Times. He has also worked with Ron Perelman,

the corporate raider. Mr Milken's lawyers said



that the advisory posts did not violate his probation agreement. However, he has been pursued by federal investigators since his three-year probation period was extended

Mr Milken is now being accused of obstruction of justice in connection with the investigation, according to a letter filed in a federal Man-

ney's office in New York is thought to be preparing new moves against Mr Milken that could result in a return to prison for probation violations or for the alleged obstruction. Lawyers for Mr Milken deny the obstruction of justice

charges.
Reid Figel, an assistant US attorney, is seeking access to reports by probation officers on Mr Milken's business activities, which are likely to contain details of the nature of

Mr Milken is allowed to advise on strategy but he cannot play any role in stock transactions such as mergers and acquisitions. Under the probation agreement he may not work with "any broker. investment company or mu

nicipal securities dealer". During the Eighties Mr Milken ran the junk bond desk of Drexel Burnham, the

#### **Rolls wins** £150m deals on engines

By Our Business Staff

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aero engine maker, yesterday announced orders worth more than £150 million for its Delta Air Lines has

firmed up its order for Boeing 777 aircraft powered by the Rolls-Royce engines. The airline, the first US operator to choose the Trent exercise its options for ten

800 for the Boeing 777. is to aircraft, firming up a provithis year. It also has options to buy a further 50 Boeing 777s, giving Rolls-Royce po-tential business worth about good million. Deliveries of the ten firm

orders are set to begin in August 1999 and will continue Earlier this week, Rolls-Rovce said that it had won a firm order for the engines for the first ten of 39 aircraft

for American Airlines.

# **Liverpool Victoria** problems continue

By Paul Durman

THE record-keeping prob-lems at Liverpool Victoria, Britain's biggest friendly society, are taking longer to resolve than originally hoped, and will prevent the insurer before December.

Liverpool Victoria was forced to suspend its 270 sales staff a month ago, but initially hoped to have them back to work after a couple of weeks. David Cheeseman, corporate strategy director, said the society is aiming to have its salesforce back by the beginning of next month.

Although it is set to lose six weeks' sales, Liverpool Vic-toria has continued to pay its salespeople, including their normal level of commission earnings. Mr Cheeseman said that losing sales staff to other insurers "must be a worry". The group, which manages E4 billion, mostly on behalf of

many thousands of poorer

savers, has embarked on a far-

reaching attempt to re-invent

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itself in the last three years. Roy Hurley, chief executive, has admitted his management team was stretched "almost to work of 1,400 premium collecting agents, moved head office from London to Bourne-mouth, made a £180 million takeover of Frizzell, the insurance brokers, launched a general insurance operation and a

range of new products and tried to cope with tough new industry regulations. Liverpool Victoria suspendcame apparent that its records of staff references and training were inadequate, and it could not be confident that they would satisfy regulatory de-mands. Ernst & Young has the problems. The Personal Investment Authority, the regulator, has been kept informed but it is not clear whether Liverpool Victoria is likely to be fined or disciplined.

Wallace to

go as Mazda

turns corner

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN TOKYO

HENRY WALLACE, the first

foreigner to head a major

Japanese company, stepped down as president of Mazda

yesterday after Japan's fifthlargest carmaker announced

a return to profit for the first

Mr Wallace, a Scot, was

seconded from Ford to take

the helm last year. He will be

replaced by James Miller, an

American, also from Ford,

who is Mazda vice president.

million) in the six months to September 30. The company

expects a profit for the full year.

and will return to Britain. Mazda earned an operating profit of 7.14 billion yen (£33.4

time in five years.

### Drinks firms merger 'to get US backing'

BUSINESS ROUNDUR

AMERICA'S Federal Trade Commission is expected to give the green light to the proposed £24 billion merger of Guinness and Grand Metropolitan next week, subject to the disposal of the Dewar's whisky brand. The ruling, which effectively mirrors that of the European Commission, will pave the way for Guinness and GrandMet to auction the Dewar's brand worldwide to the highest bidder. Shareholders of Guinness and GrandMet are due to vote

on the merger proposals on November 26, with shares in Diageo, the merged company, expected to begin trading on December 17. Approval is expected to allow a capital repayment of 70p a share for investors. Dewar's is the eighth bestselling global brand of whisky with sales of about 2.7 million cases a year. Allied Domecq, which owns the Ballantine's and Teacher's brands, and Seagram of Canada

### Standard Life expectant

STANDARD LIFE, the biggest pensions group in Europe, confirmed last night that it was awaiting approval from the Bank of England for a licence to launch its own bank. The mutual life insurer has more than four million policyholders and assets of more than £57 billion and is looking to launch a savings and deposit account early next year followed by mortgages and accounts for businesses and charities. Jim Spowart, head of the banking section, pledged to beat the interest rates paid by supermarket banks.

#### Lynx races ahead

LYNX HOLDINGS, the computer software, systems and services group, lifted pre-tax profits to £9.8 million from £6.9 million in the year to September 30, helped by a strong contribution from acquisitions. Operating profits rose to £10.24 million from £7 million, with £2.3 million from businesses that were acquired during the year. Earnings per share rose more modestly from 5.36p to 6.83p. A final dividend of 1.5p a share lifts the total to 2p from 1.75p for the previous 12 months.

#### Cookson disposal

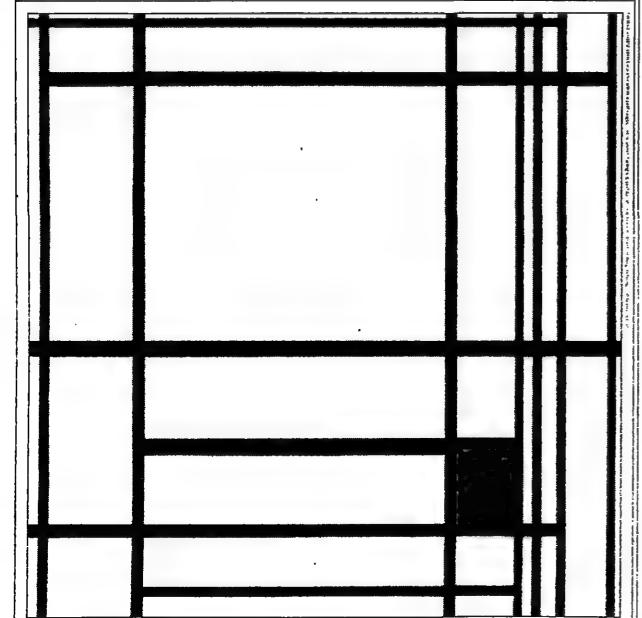
COOKSON GROUP, the British industrial materials group, is raising \$21 million (about £12.4 million) with the sale of its swimming pool products distribution business to SCP Pool Curp. The business belongs to Cookson's Pacific Industries subsidiary in America, which is part of Cookson's plastics division. The business had sales of about £34 million in 1996. Net assets were £12 million at the last year-end. SCP is the largest independent distributor of swimming pool products in the United States.

#### Plasmec takeover talks

manufacturer, which have fallen from 223p to 1542p in the past year, rose 2p to 156½ p yesterday after the company said it was in takeover talks with an anonymous third party. The announcement came as Plasmec issued a profits warning, saying that in spite of a good performance at Betraine, one of its subsidiaries, slow sales at its other operations would result in profits failing to meet market expectations. The company ad-ded that it was confident that its performance would recover.

#### Banner plans demerger

BANNER HOMES, the building group, yesterday said it would demerge its commercial property business into a separate company called Ascot Commercial, to be listed on the Alternative Investment Market. Shareholders will receive one ordinary share in Ascot for every Banner share. The company reported a rise in pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 from £796,000 to £4.9 million. Turnover rose from £16 million to £25 million, and earnings per share from 4p to 23.5p. An interim dividend of 1p (0.4p) will be paid on January 6.



### Mondrian at the Tate

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#### lenders delay rise BY ANNE ASHWORTH MAJOR lenders are holding

off from mortgage rate rises, increasing speculation that some are expecting another base rate rise next month and would prefer not to raise rates twice in quick succession. Alliance & Leicester yester-

day said that it would not be increasing its 8.45 per cent standard variable rate until next year. A&L said that it wished to snare its customers extra expense in December when household budgets were already stretched.

So far, only Abbey National and Northern Rock have raised their loan rates in response to the latest base rate changes. quarter point to 8.70 per cent for loans below £50,000, with effect from December 1.

Halifax, the biggest lender, will this weekend continue to review its rates, but each day that it delays a change makes it less likely that a rise could become effective by Christmas.

Alliance & Leicester, a bank since April, is aligning itself with the two largest building societies, the Nationwide and the Bradford & Bingley, which have said that they will not alter rates until after Christmas.



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### Caradon boosted by Hintz appointment

BY CARL MORTISHED worked at Procter & Gamble,

SHARES in Caradon, the Twyford sanitaryware and Miras showers group, soared after the company announced the appointment of Jurgen Hintz as chief executive. company. At one time, Caradon owned a 25 per cent Mr Hintz will succeed Peter

Jansen, who has been chief executive since the building products company's formation. Caradon has suffered a checkered past because of a series of ill-judged acquisitions, and in the first six months of the year saw its American windows business fall into loss Mr Hintz, a US citizen who

was born in Germany, once

rent chairman, at the annual meeting. Two other directors. Peter Hewett and Tim Walker. are also retiring.

**TOURIST** RATES the American detergents group, but latterly was chief executive of Carnaud Metalbox and is widely credited for

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#### THE SUNDAY TIMES **MERCEDES** IN A SPIN

The launch of the new Mercedes A Class. nicknamed the Baby Benz or "elk class"; now looks set to join the great commercial disasters of all time. It rivals such legendary own-goals as Persil Power, New Coke, and the Hoover flights promotion ...

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Banner plans deme

# Shareholders at Liberty to vote

board for delivering a dire profit performance and a hugely in-liated salary bill. The cry will be the company between them. Unless the institutional investors, and a scattered list of private individuals, can be motivated into using their votes, they will allow Elizabeth Stewart Liberty Then the chairman will blithely call for a vote on the re-election of directors or acceptance of the and her family together with Brian Myerson to take over the report and accounts and it will be carried by a huge majority. The company right under their noses. Next week the existing board of the company will embark on a hectic round of the institutional

investors to try and win their support. They will set about some frantic canvassing of the private shareholders who are not aligned to the formidable Mrs Stewart Liberty's camp. But their chances of raising sufficient votes to combat the combined weight of Mrs SL and Mr Myerson look slim.

There has been much talk of putting formal obligations on institutional investors to use their vote, but Sir Ronnie Hampel and his committee have eschewed that route. It would be good to think that investors in Liberty would not require such prompting to look dubiously on the efforts of Mr Myerson and his new found supporters and decide that they should back the board in this case.

The Stewart Libertys have not, in recent years, been the best guardians of the business that the



family created. Denis Cassidy and his team have plans for redressing the atrocious performance of the group over recent years, and there is little reason to believe that their opponents have anything more constructive to other. Yet they are endeavouring to use their minority holding to effectively take over the board-room. And if other investors carmot summon the energy or enthusiasm to vote against them, then they will succeed.

#### Lack of fiscal flexibility

The Chancellor's promotion of a new Fiscal Respon-sibility Act is being billed as another building block both of his campaign to promote transparency and accountability in economic policy-making (would that the same values prevailed in the Government's handling of

Labour Party) and of his attempts to convince the City that New Lahour has completely excised its reputation as the party

Looked at less charitably and there are not enough details thus far to make a completely cogent judgment on the initiative — this could be the coup de grace that finally renders the Treasury leverless in managing the macro-economy. Gordon Brown has already handed control of monetary policy to the Bank of England. Now he seems to be volunteering to emasculate him-self on fiscal policy.

This Chancellor campaigned

in the election on the basis that he would strive to increase the economy's potential for growth but he has now stripped himself of all the traditional macroeconomic tools. This is entirely consistent with New Labour's belief in tweaking and honing on a micro-economic level to im-

omy as the route to greater performance. But it may not be wise. Seeking to build on the dramatic Thatcherite programme of structural, supply side reform is a worthy goal but some macro-economic flexibility to cope with sudden economic

shocks is well worth preserving.

Mr Brown may as well join the single currency now because he appears to be leaving himself no more flexibility than Britain would enjoy when monetary policy is handed over to the European Central Bank and when fiscal policy is conducted within the straitjacket of the German-designed Stability Pact. It is difficult to know for sure,

without further fleshing out of the idea, whether the Fiscal Responsibility Act is simply another example of glossy presentation of policy making without much new substance or whether it helps to lock Britain into a parallel path to lock Britain into a parallel path to the euro. If the latter, there are still considerable problems. Hans

Tietmeyer, president of the Bundesbank, says he wants euro interest rates to converge towards the low level prevailing in Germany and its satellites, cur-rently around 3 per cent. But Mr Brown's quasi-independent Bank of England has just increased British rates to 7.25 per cent and many expect them to

#### Little warmth in RJB deal

The news that RJB has actually signed a new sup-ply contract with a power generator brought an evident sense of relief to shareholders and supporters of the coal industry. A study of the detail should restore their qualms. Eastern Electricity is buying less than half the coal the generator burned last year at a near 25 per cent discount to the old price. And, compared to National Power and PowerGen, Eastern was in a poor negotiating pos-ition. Eastern needed a decent amount of RJB coal because its power stations are not as well adapted to burning coal from abroad as those owned by PowerGen and National Power.

The bigger generators can choose to tell RJB to keep its coal and buy instead from Australia, South Africa or Europe at anything up to 30 per cent less than the price that Eastern is paying.

In the end the new contracts with the generators, which start in April, are likely to leave RJB selling half as much as it did under the old contracts at around three quarters of the price. The effect of this will be more pit closures, more redundancies and a likely further collapse in RJB's

Richard Budge still tries to sound optimistic. But might he also be trying to think positive long enough to stave off the harsh decisions about redundancies upril after April pubm dancies until after April, when RIB is freed from the old British Coal employment contracts and will have to pay the sacked miners a fraction of the current contractual pay-offs.

#### De-Loreaned

HAD it not been for an unfortu-nate involvement with the flashy John De Lorean, Ian Hay David son would almost certainly by now have received some titular acknowledgement of his great and goodness. Now that Arthur Andersen is forking out £18 million to halt its long-running wrangle with the Government over the expensive De Lorean episode, perhaps the firm's former London senior partner will

#### Half-year figures boost P&S shares

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democracy is being put to an extraordinary test. For two

groups of investors are behaving

as if they own the company, although they hold less than half

BY RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

SHARES of Portsmouth & Sunderland Newspapers, the newspaper and convenience store group, shot up 622p to 8572p after the company announced a 26 per cent increase in profits to £5.91 million for the six

months to September 27.

The publishing business increased operating profits by 35 per cent to £4.64 million on revenues up 4 per cent to £31.1 million. The retailing business. One Stop Community Stores. increased operating profits by 27 per cent to £2.02 million on revenue up 23 per cent to £56.1 million. A total of 23 new stores were opened in the half year taking the total to 172

Charles Brim, chief executive, said that most of the £20 million a year investment in expansion would go on One Stop stores.

City analysts now forecast pre-tax profits of around £11.2 million before exceptionals, mainly redundancy costs, for the full year. Adjusted earnings per share rose 26 per cent to 36.2p. The interim dividend rises to 4.78p (4.25p).

# Inter-Continental sticks to float plan despite talk of offer

PLANS by Inter-Continental Hotels for a flotation are ing speculation that the group may attract an offer from a trade buyer.

Industry sources believe that Saison, the group's Japanese owner, has been approached by Marriott, the acquisitive US hotels group. However, a spokeswoman for Inter-Continental said yester-

is still our intention to pursue an IPO [initial public offering] some time next year."
Salomon Brothers, its finan-

cial adviser, is thought to be planning to offer around 40 per cent of the group on the New York Stock Exchange, possibly with a secondary listing in London. Salomons is thought to be looking at the possibility of floating just the

### Russians accuse City-based banks

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE central bank in Russia yesterday named eight London-based banks which, it said, had failed to carry out their side of securities deals with Russian banks.

The Bank of Russia said it would refrain from doing business with the banks and advised other state financial entities in Moscow to follow suit.

The banks named were Deut-

sche Morgan Grenfell and the London operations of Chase Manhattan, UBS, Salomon Brothers, JP Morgan, Credit Agricole Indosuez, CSFB and Banque National de Paris. There was no immediate com-

ment from the banks. The statement was issued in response to speculation that market turmoil had left many Russian banks over-exposed.

operating arm of the business, which could be worth more than \$1 billion (£588 million). Saison acquired Inter-Conti-nental from Grand Metropolitan in 1988 for \$2 billion at the too of the market.

The group has a total of 215 hotels in 76 countries, of which 132 operate under the luxury Inter-Continental brand and 25 trade as midmarket Fonim hotels. Only 23 are owned by the group, including three of its four London hotels, the remainder being management contracts, franchises and marketing partners.

Speculation over a possible trade sale has been heightened by delays to its flotation plans it was originally to have been floated this year - and the fierce pace of consolidation in the hotel industry.

Paul Dukes, chairman of BDO Hospitality Consulting said: There are very few global brands in the luxury hotel segment, so inter-Conti-nental must, by definition, be a potential target in the current evered climate for deals. The flotation process has taken a long time and they have doubtless received a lot of inquiries."



# Threat by Liberty aides

By PAUL DURMAN

City advisers has threatened to resign if dissident shareholders succeed in replacing the department store company's chairman with two of their own representatives (see Commentary, this page).

Barings, Cazenove, Slaughter & May and Shandwick have united with Liberty's five directors in strongly opposing the attempt to unseat Denis Cassidy, the chairman, at a shareholder meeting on December II. Barclays Bank has also said that it will reconsider loans it is making to finance Liberty's planned £43 million refurbishment of its landmark West End store. The Stewart-Liberty family,

who own 27 per cent, and Brian Myerson, who controls 17 per cent, want to make Odile Griffith and Mr Myerson directors and co-chairmen. lan Thomson, managing director, and Andrew Garety, finance director, and Liberty's two non-executive directors intend to oppose this move, and be-

lieve that it would make their positions "almost certainly . . . untenable". This would trigger the resignation of Barings and the other advisers. Liberty, in a circular to investors. "Such destabilisation would be damaging to shareholder value and to the longterm development of your company." The company is speaking to potential buyers in an attempt to produce a better deal for shareholders.

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#### **Roofers** lift claim on Dome to £3.5m

By MARK COURT

THE German company that lost the contract to put a fabric roof on the Millennium Dome has increased its compensation claim to £3.5 million.

Koch Hightex had its £7 million contract to cover the dome in a short-lived fabric revoked after Tony Blair ordered that the Dome should provide a "lasting legacy". Instead a £13.9 million contract was given to the American company Birdair to cover the dome in a long-lasting Tellon-coated material.

At the end of last week, Koch Hightex served a writ claiming £1.3 million against New Millennium Experience, the publicly funded company set up to European tendering laws in

awarding the new contract However, sources at Koch Hightex said that the writ is only a small part of its total claim against New Millennium Experience. The German company is making a separate claim of more than £2 million for the loss of its initial contract to cover materials, planning, indemnity on currency fluctuation, loss of opportunity and loss of profit. New Millenium Experience

declined to comment while the claim was being dealt with.

# **PRODUCT** RECALL

K FOR KIDS 'STRETCH ACROSS BEARS'

These are a row of four small cloth bears designed to stretch across a pram. Each bear is labelled with the word either 'Squeak, Rattle, Crinkle or Jingle Bell'.

Tesco has identified a problem in the manufacture of the above product..

It has been found that a small number of bears may split at the seam and the stuffing may become exposed - this could constitute a choking hazard.

As a precaution this product has been withdrawn from sale.

Customers who have purchased the K for Kids 'Stretch Across Bears' since August 1, 1997 are requested to return them to any Tesco where a full refund will be given.

The manufacturers have now reviewed their procedures and undertaken a full investigation. No other K for Kids products are affected by this withdrawal.

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### Fresh Fields

American parents clearly named their offspring after their favourite cookie shop, is parting company with the Stock Exchange. Wicker-Miurin, 39, has been director of finance and strategy at the Tower for three years. She is planning a bit of a breather before deciding what to do next. It is all entirely friendly, I arn told — the coming of orderdriven trading seemed an opportune moment for a break. With a background in banking and management consultancy, which I will try not to hold against her, I doubt

 HANDELSBLATT, the nor-mally reliable German news-paper, has reported that VW has bought Rolls-Royce luxury motors off Vickers. Not so, says Vickers. A case of "they think it's all over — and it's not?

#### Cash call

i RECEIVE a strange letter from someone called Peter Spira, sent to a reader. Spira is merchant banker, retired, J essume. He has just finished

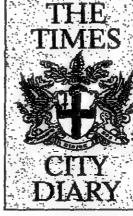
THE exotically named Mrs his memoirs. My informant Fields Wicker-Miurin, whose worked in the late 1960s at S G Warburg where, as he dimly recalls, Spira was "one of my different part of the firm".

He was therefore a little sur-

prised to receive the letter. which invites him to send off £20 for a copy of the book — once it is published. "As you can imagine, the expense of a short-run private publication is not inconsiderable," explains Spira. I am unable to contact the man himself, but I feel strangely ambivalent to-wards his scheme. I admire the ingenuity with which a for-mer merchant banker intends to subsidise a vanity publication, but I wonder at the presumption that many such distant acquaintances will want to read it.

● THE lengths some chief ex-ecutives will go to promote their companies: a team from Style Holdings, an AIMquoted menswear retailer, went to a big City institutional shareholder last week. The fund manager, who may have known more than he was letting on, opted to use the stairs. The three-strong Style contin-gent, led by chief executive





David Gee, took the lift. An hour and a half later they were winched by the fire brigade to an empty floor in the building. Which was locked. They ended up at the top of the building and had to climb down again on a fireman's ladder. And then get on with the presentation.

#### Doom's day DOOM is an unpleasantly vi-

olent computer game in which you take a shotgun, chainsaw, rocket launcher or whatever to a collection of electronic beasties. I am told it is very popular in the City, played by teams on dealing desks. There is a variant, called Death-match, in which you take a shotgun, chainsaw, etc. to your teammates. This is, oddly enough, even more popular. Paul Flanagan, a 37-year-old American investment banker, has quit JP Morgan and set up something called Cybernetic Productions to ensure as many people as possible enjoy the game. After Christmas he is planning a City Cyber Challenge, with a league table. The winner will take on New York, Hong Kong and Tokyo over the Internet. I am not sure that he should be encouraged.

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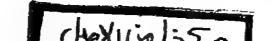


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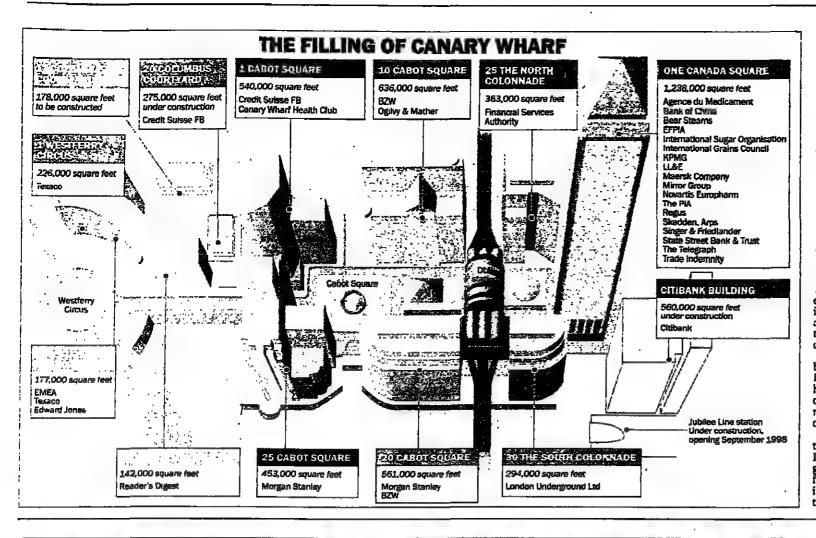
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# Martin Waller on how Britain's tallest building is scaling new heights



# At last we can sing praises of Canary Wharf

t was, depending on your reading of events, an apotheosis of "cool Britannia", a proud collation of everything stylish and happening in Blair's Britain had arrived. Or it was a chance for the French to look snootily down their noses at us again.

down their noses at us again.

Whatever the style points to be won over last week's Anglo-French summit, the decision to hold it on the thirty-eighth floor of Britain's highest building meant there would always be one clear winner.

Now the works of art from the likes of Damien Hirst and David Hockney are back in the government art collection. The furniture has been returned to its respective designers. Even the flowers went to a local old

people's home. The grey carpet is still there, as are the orange walls, but only until the vacant floor has been let and is fitted out for a new occupier.

The free publicity handed to Canary Wharf has been invaluable. But it also suggests that the £1.5 billion downriver development has now described a very British parabola, from public laughing stock through financial failure to established respectability.

It is now more than ten years

since foundation work started, and nine years to the month since the familiar pyramid was placed on top of the 800 ft Canary Wharf Tower, proper address One Canada Square. It is also five years since the project went into financial administration. Canary Wharf is now jointly owned by a consortium of investors including Paul Reichmann, its original progenitor, and Prince al-Waleed bin Talal of Saudi

The past year has seen a number of important City tenants either oping for eventual relocation to Canary Wharf or actually arriving there, a move regarded in the Square Mile as banishment to the outer darkness. Within days the prospectus to a £550 million 30-year bond issue will be published.

The issue, arranged by Morgan Stanley, one of the first institutions to plump for the site as a London base, will pay off a £188 million

debt owed to the European Investment Bank and some of the Ex00 million will owed to London Underground as a contribution towards the costs of building the Jubilee Line. "What we

have achieved is that finally all the things that were supposed to come together in 1991 and 1992 are coming together now, says George Iacobescu, chief executive of Canary Wharf Ltd, the management company, who has been with the development from the start. The project is today 92 per cent let. By the end of the year it's going to be 95 to 96 per cent let, which

in real estate terms is fully let."

The decision in September by the Financial Services Authority, the new City super-regulator, to locate all nine of its constituent bodies at Canary Wharf by the end of next year was not universally popular among staff. But it came just a week after Credit Suisse First Boston, the Swiss investment bank, said it would be increasing its office space there by 50 per cent by starting building work on a 275,000 sq ft site next

to its existing offices.

BZW, the investment arm of Barclays Bank now sold to

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Credit Suisse, has been gradually relocating to the site all year. Another huge tenant, Citibank, is building a 560,000 sq ft tower, designed by Sir Norman Foster, at the eastern end of the development. There is

another eight
million sq ft with outline planning permission. But there is
nothing, barring four in-demand floors of the Tower,
ready for immediate

occupation.

"The FSA has made a huge difference — it removed the last big building available in Central London," says Mr lacobescu. "On a pre-let, we probably could provide a building by 1999. At any given time in the last 12 months we have had 10 to 12 parties in the market looking for space."

Rentals in the parts of the Tower still available are at about £33 to £36 per sq ft. That is rather more than existing tenants are paying until their rents are reviewed, but up to £15 cheaper than the equivalent office space in the City. These existing tenants were attracted to the development by sometimes lengthy rent-free periods, but Mr Lacobescu says these will all have dropped out by the year 2000 and all will be

paying rent.

"We may do very limited speculative development — at any given time we should have one building available for someone who needs it almost immediately." says Mr lacobescu. But the general policy of the company is that time."

we will go for pre-lets."

Understandably, commer-

cial confidentiality means no one is saying just who the next pre-let might go to. But the City rumour mill has two or three names in the frame at any given time. Chase Manhattan, another huge American investment bank, has had to deny such stories, although it has admitted looking at the site as a candidate to fill its medium to long-term property needs. Also rumoured to be interested is the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, owner of the Midland.

A further boost will come from the opening late next year of the Jubilee Line extension, which puts Canary Wharf in easy reach of the West End and the South London commuter belt. There has been concern that the station may miss its deadline or open at less than full capacity. This might be a humiliation for London Transport or the contractors building the line, but it holds no fears for the Canary Whatf management. Currently 21,000 people work there, and a third of them

line will carry 20,000 people every hour.

Mr lacobescu has stuck with the project through the dark days of administration and can perhaps be allowed some degree of triumphalism now.

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He has no truck with the suggestion that Canary Wharf has weakened the position of the City by drawing away high-spending tenants. "I don't believe in a war between Canary Wharf and the City. The City needed a relief valve, and that's what Canary Wharf has provided."

Property experts believe the way forward for Canary Wharf may be a return to speculative development. Craig McDonald, a partner at the City and Docklands agency of Healey & Baker, says: They have done exceptionally well because they

well because they have had space available. The FSA move was absolutely typical — good quality space immediately available. The FSA had the choice of waiting three years for something in the City or going now to Canary

"It's going to be interesting to see, once they have filled it, whether they will have the nerve to do a speculative building in the way everybody else has to. They will then be competing on an even keel with the rest of the market."

While Mr McDonald expects the Jubilee Line to narrow the differential between rents charged in the City and West End and at Canary Wharf, he says: "What is interesting is those firms now looking in the market who are not considering Canary Wharf, it's still, culturally, a hurdle to persuade your staff to go there."

Peter Evans, research director at DTZ Debenham Thorpe, says there are clear opportunities for the project to move into speculative development. There remains across Central London a shortage of large buildings, which explains the success of Canary Wharf in the past as well as the strong preletting market in the City."

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Mr Iacobescu says: "Paul Reichmann's vision about this project was right. When the company went into administration 1 had so much trust that the project was of good quality that I decided to stay. This kind of project doesn't disappear. I knew it was purely a matter of

DURKRIVILS How Simon Dangerfield moved his entire sales team across to Orange and left his rivals trailing. Able to communicate with all his team at the same time with an advanced answerphone service. group text messaging and conference calling, Dangerfield was always one step ahead. His only worry was that one day his rivals might move over to Orange themselves. Especially if they found out that Orange was a serious international player with reaming facilities in Europe and beyond  $^{\prime}$  truity of rate all discriming SHARE prices in London than by an industrial trib, ended the week on a positive note despite closing well below their best of the day. plained that he had be an favor of spring been 90 points up at their best of the day.

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nais, the French bank. Hallfax, up 14p at 677p, is now being cited as the latest suitor for Norwich Union Jap firmer at 3641 ap, which continues to be beset by takeover rumours. Earlier in the week it had been suggested Barclays might like to take a crack after being rebuffed by Legal & General, up 5p at 490p.

The appointment of Jurgen Hintz, the former Carnaud Metalbox boss, as chief executive boosted Caradon 1412p to 182p. The shares were also The life assurance comhelped by some positive com-

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the back of news that it has landed an £88.7 million con-

tract to supply Eastern Group with four million tonnes of

coal a year.

J Sainsbury jumped 94 p to 495p as a party of brokers began a two-day visit to the US to see how the group intends to revive the fortunes of its Shaw's supermarket chain. Shaw's was bought by Sainsbury in 1987 but has falled to live up to expectations. There have been calls for Sainsbury to sell its US operations.

panies seem the most vulnerable to attack by the banks. They would take the banks into areas in which they wish to expand and are a safer bet than the insurance composites But David Hudson, at Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, warns that the life assurers are fully valued and the banks would have to be prepared to pay top dollar.

There was some positive news at long last for shareholders of RJB Mining. The ments from Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker. and the decision of the group to buy back two million shares at 179120. There were nerve ends

showing at Lourho as the price slipped 4p to 86p. The group has completed the necessary due diligence on South Africa's Tavistock Coal but has yet to announce the purchase price:

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acquisition of Knight-Ridder Information. The shares were suspended at 215p and requoted at 2161 ap but quickly lost ground as investors took the opportunity to bail out. They closed at 2031 2p, a fall of De La Rue slipped lp to 395p ahead of interim figures next week. Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, is urging clients to "sell". It says prospect of sustained

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growth is the product of vishful thinking. Siebe hormoed back from worries about the effects of a strong pound with a rise of 36p to £10.75. A party of brokers travelled to Plymouth vesterday to take a look at its domestic appliance controls

division. A profits warning left Aimlisted Hat Pin 15p down at 5212p. The recruitment services group warned that the unusually low level of jobs turnover among senior adver-tising personnel means that profits for the year to December 31 will be lower than market expectations.

Unigate, reporting next week, fell 5p to 595p as Merrill Lynch, the broker, suggested switching into Northern Foods, 40 better at 261 ap. also with figures expected next

First-time dealings in share: of BCH Group, the vehicle management specialist, got off to an encouraging start after a placing at 190p by Panmure Gordon, the broker. After touching a high for the day of 207 2p, the price closed at 20212D. a premium of 1212D. GILT-EDGED: Bond prices were able to extend Thursday's sharp gains, clos-ing at their best of the day with gains of around £114. Dealers reported a late burst of support just before the close of business, with longer dated issues proving popular.

In the futures pit, the De-cember series of the long gilt put on £2732 at £1177a in moderate turnover that saw 71,000 contracts completed. Among conventional issues

£1316 better at £11738, while Treasury 7 per cent 2002 put on 11 ticks at £100<sup>21</sup>32.

NEW YORK: Shares pared early gains in a market still unnerved by Asia's economic woes. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 13.26 points ahead at MAJOR INDICES

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# Oil price jamboree unlikely

chucked out the UN weapons inspectors, the usual floating arsenal was sent steaming towards the Gulf, offering the prospect of more sabre-rattling, crisis talks and a rocketing crude oil price. Instead, the mood is remark ably sombre on oil exchanges. Yesterday, Brent Crude for January delivery was up just 15 cents to \$19.92 and Iraqi oil was yesterday still being lifted under the oil-for-food export agreement. Oil exports from Iraq under the UN

humanitarian aid scheme amount to about a million barrels a day and there is good reason to believe the scheme will be renewed next month in spite of the confrontation over weapons inspection. The American sponsors of the oil-for-food scheme have no interest in giving Iraq another propaganda weapon by scrapping humanitarian aid out of spite. There is still the possibility that Iraq may stop exports unilaterally in an attempt to cause turmoil, as it appears to have done this month, turning the taps off for no apparent reason on shipments totalling seven million

The trouble is that Saudi Arabia is ready to step in. It gave warning recently of its intention to seek Opec approval for an increase in its production allocation under the quota agreement. Any sign that exports from traq will cease would certainly lead to Saudi Arabian intervention with a view to raising cash and calming the markets. Besides, the Saudi Arabians believe that non-Opec oil output is likely to fall a million barrels short of expectations this year. That gives them enough justification to pump more into the market and little prospect of an oil price jamboree.

#### Caradon

THE headhunters who found Jurgen Hintz should demand more commission. The stock market reckons he is worth £76 million, evidenced by the 142p rise in the price of Caradon shares after news of his appointment as chief executive.

On reflection, the commis sion might be better paid to whoever secured both the removal of Peter Jansen from the seat of power and the retirement of three other Caradon veterans. If the truth were known, the stock market would have welcomed the arrival Telerubbies at Caradoo. The record of this crew has been years of drift, the expensive acquisition of Pillar in 1993 and the purchase in 1995 of Weru, the German doors

and windows maker which

revealed a sharp downturn

in sales just nine months after Caradon's investment. There is hope, however, that Mr Hintz will inject some Germanic discipline. He is credited with the recovery of Carnaud Metalbox and many believe that Caradon relied too much on

brand power and too little on cost control.

Valued at just over ten times earnings, the balance sheet is hardly geared and the company could make £170 million this year. It also owns some odd little businesses, ripe for disposal, including a US security printer that earns 20 per cent margins and enjoys the delightful name Checks in the Mail. Caradon is a buy.



#### Liberty

IF THE impending proxy battle at Liberty were to be decided on the merits of the cases put forward by the feuding factions, the board would secure shareholders' support. The Stewart-Liberty family and Brian Myerson want to replace Denis Cassidy as Liberty's chairman. However, it is not clear why they want him out since they broadly support the changes that Cassidy is making at the West End department store. The incumbent does not take kindly to interference from his most vocal shareholders - he says they agreed to stay out of his hair when persuading him to take on the job in 1995. The company, and are entitled to their say. But it is Mr Cas-

sidy's job to run the business. the family matriarch, Eliza-beth Stewart-Liberty, com-

about the (until recently) sliding share price. The cost of the redevelopment is extraordinary, and a more detailed breakdown would be welcome. Two points, however: this is not an entirely new figure and part of the money is needed to compensate for neglect of the business during the management

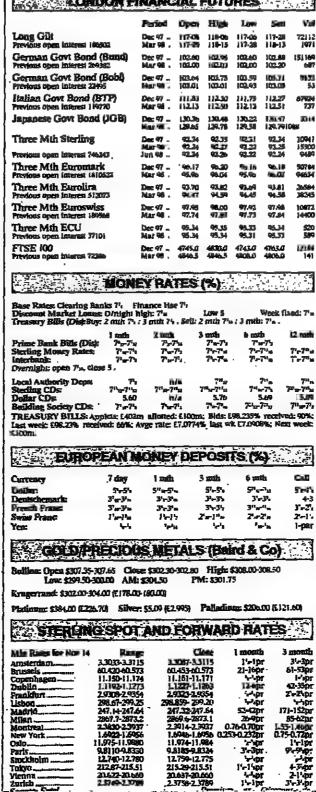
of the Stewart-Libertys. All this may be academic. With institutions speaking for only about 23 per cent of the shares, Mr Cassidy's days as chairman look numbered. And Mr Mverson's first job may well be to accept the takeover bid from a company which Barings has vet to find.

YESTERDAY'S skip in the share price of Portsmouth & both legs of the business - not just newspaper publishing but the company's growing speThe recent renaissance in local newspapers is well known, although for P&S it's a tale of two cities. Manual iobs in the Sunderland area tend to be filled from employment exchanges rather than the Sit. Vac. columns so the company's growth is modest

in the North East. But the second leg of the P&S strategy is intriguing. Newspapers and One Stop stores have little in common barring a"local" flavour but Charles Brims, P&S chief executive, argues plausibly that a flow of retail revenue helps to iron out the bumpy newspaper cycle. Mr Brims has a retailing background and can cope with opening something like 40 stores a year. another suitable local newspaper group to acquire - or they become a target for someone's else acquisitive

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#### **NEWS**

#### RAF Harrier crews put on Gulf alert

RAF Harrier crews were put on 48-hour Gulf alert yesterday as President Clinton ordered a second carrier battle group to the region to increase pressure on President Saddam Hussein.

Mr Clinton said the dispatch of the USS George Washington to join the USS Nimitz was the right response to Saddam's expulsion of six US weapons inspectors ......Pages 1, 14, 15

#### Brown plans 10p tax rate for low paid

■ Plans for a new starting rate of income tax of 10p to benefit the low paid will be announced by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, in ten days. The proposal is likely to cost the Treasury £2.5 billion. If it is confirmed in his March budget the change will come into effect in April...

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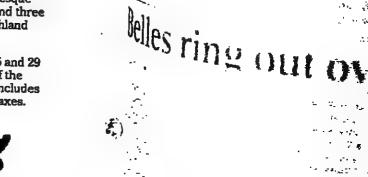
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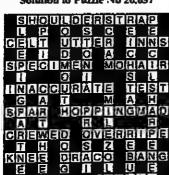
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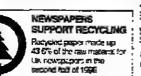
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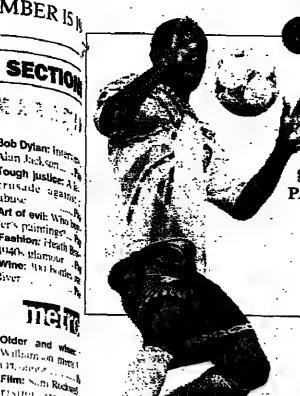
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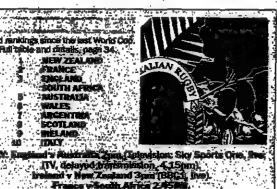


Dangerous drives: Corvair, Pinto and 'A' Class

# THE SATURDAY SPONIES

RUGBY HEMISPHERES COLLIDE IN AUTUMN SERIE

England embark on global 101 venture



BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THESE are high days for rugby union. For all the mistakes that the game has made in two years of professionalism, there is a tangible air of excitement at the explosion of international matches about to erupt like a starburst over the five nations during the next four weekends. In Twickenham, Dublin, Lyons and - for the first time since 1954 — Swansea, teams from the two hemispheres come together for the first in a series of global contests.

It is, if you like, a forerunner Blacks. of the feast that the 1999 World This rlot of rugby has helped to persuade a firm such Cup. hosted by Wales, will purvey to Europe and the fact that it pits the best of the north as Nike to part with more than £10 million in a six-year deal with the Rugby Football France and England against two of the three south-Union (RFU) and, even ern hemisphere powers adds though the leading clubs and spice to the occasion, But RFU officials agree that the programme of back-to-back while England meet Australia for the 21st time and France internationals that begins to-day may be too much of a good entertain South Africa, the thing, the paying customers world's best team - New Zealand - will remind lrecannot get enough. Even in land, at Lansdowne Road, of Swansea, some 10,000 are expected to watch Wales play their undiminishing quality.

Some 50,000 will pack the old stadium to admire the All Blacks, who have two games with England and one with Wales to come. A capacity crowd of 73,000 will greet Australia at Twickenham. where gate receipts will approach £2.25 million. England's games at Twickenham with South Africa and New Zealand are already sold out, as is their international at Old Trafford next Saturday, when 50,000 will watch the first of the two clashes with the All

designed as a warm-up to playing New Zealand. England have ground to make up against the other leading countries. As the table on page 34 shows, since the 1995 World Cup they have played only three matches against the most successful sides in that tournament and have lost them all - two to France and one to South Africa. Nor does that include the defeat in July by Australia, the side they defeated in the quarter-finals of the last

Tonga tomorrow in a match

World Cup. They have not played New Zealand since their humiliation in Cape Town two years ago, in the semi-finals. It is no surprise that the All Blacks are on their own in terms of form, and it will be little comfort to the Irish to note that they stand ninth in the table, behind Argentina and only marginal-

ly ahead of Italy. There remain, of course, reservations about the effect of the burgeoning international programme on players, many of whom have struggled to

produce their best form after the demands of the previous eight months. To a degree England's selection has avoided that problem, since Clive Woodward, the coach, has chosen a new generation of players hungry for the international game and, at the same time, thrown down the gauntlet to established players, challenging them to win

back a place in the coming Woodward is one of three newcomers to the internationcoaching business this

weekend: he Macqueen (Australia) and Nick Mallett (South Africa), each of them keen to establish a playing philosophy that will enthuse the public and create the base for an assault on the World Cup two years from "I have no fear of losing."

Woodward said. "What does worry me is not staying true to my philosophy of how the game should be played. The idea of rugby, so far as I'm aware, is to go out and score

recognise that and not go out joins Rod enough in key positions to take that on board and every player to have a clear understanding of the best options, wherever

he is on the field." The same approach, articulated in a different way, helped the British Isles to defeat South Africa during the summer and enthused rugby lovers throughout Britain and Ireland. But the Lions experience is over; Lawrence Daliaglio, England's new captries and I want players to

tain, does not seek to recreate with a regimented plan. I . what is past. "It's important," want players intelligent he said, "that we put our own stamp on the game."

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### Belles ring out over Doncaster once more as Rovers lose their way

By DAVID POWELL

IN THE car park at Doncaster Rovers, Danny Bergara declined a lift to the training ground. The new caretaker-manager did not know the way, so he would take his own car and follow his players. The few who had turned up. "What I saw yesterday I had

never seen in my life," Bergara said. "All that horse mess, huge castles of it. We had to shoo the horses off the pitch."

In the car park at Doncaster Belles, Julie Chipchase presented the other view of football in the

town. Doncaster has the best of teams and the worst of teams: Rovers bottom of the Nationwide League, Belles top of the FA Women's Premier League. Despondency and fear at one, exuberance and ambition at the other.

Chipchase is the club's first female manager and has put them back on the trail of former glories. "In the last few seasons we have not won anything," Chipchase, who gained three Women's FA Cup winner's medals and two league championships with Doncaster. said. "I had success as a player and I want it as a manager."



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state of the training ground, or that his first-team squad is so thin that he had only ten in for training. Without a win this season, morale is rock bottom and, as the

a fortnight ago. It is not just the

If you think you are in trouble, what about Tony Bullimore in the middle of the Southern Ocean? That guy was so strong, he refused to die. Think about that'."

The Belles are swimming towards their first honours since

1994, having undergone a period of change in ground, management and players. It is no more likely that they will lose their league fixture at Liverpool tomorrow than Rovers will win their FA Cup tie at

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Preston North End today. There is no gloating at Rovers' plight, though there is some reason

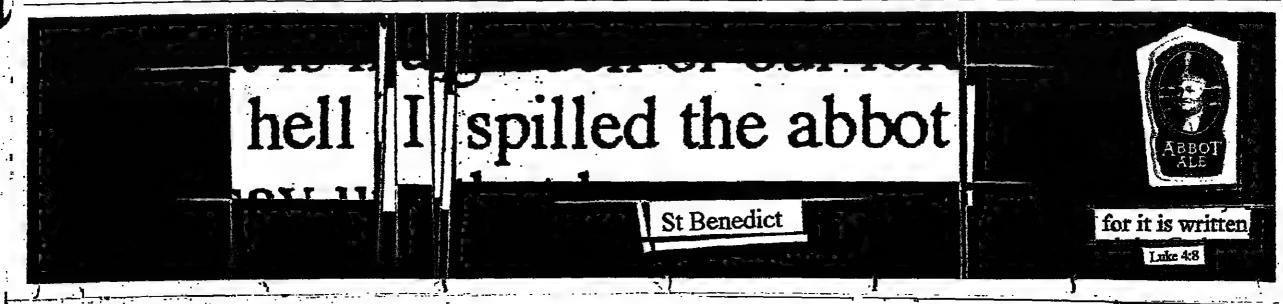
to. Belies used to play at Belle Vue, the home of Rovers. "We left suddenly, under a bit of a cloud," Alan Burton, the Belles secretary.

said. According to Burton, Rovers kept postponing Belles matches to protect the pitch and supporters became so disenchanted with the repeated interruptions that they drifted away, "We never got that support back," Burton added.

Any connection between the clubs? "None whatsoever," Burton said, almost triumphally. The women never watch the men play. Too busy. The players do not get

jobs," Chipchase said. Bergara, sacked by Rotherham United, is resentful that his experience was not wanted elsewhere: "I am 55 and I should be peaking. Not working on a training ground where the crossbars are bent and there are no nets. This is the only club that offered

me a job," Bergara added, pleased it did. "Football is like your most beloved woman. As you are getting old, do you say: 'I will leave my wife?" But it will be a woman's world in Doncaster for a while to





All Blacks already being talked about as best team world has seen

# Ireland in danger of record defeat

THERE is a feeling in Dublin that the worst fears of a nation are about to be realised. Nervous expectation and a sense of inevitability fill the air. Mention the fourteenth meeting between Ireland and New Zealand, at Lansdowne Road this afternoon, and people wince. It will be a painful experience, some believe, an exercise in futility, as the brave Irish boys are sent over the top directly into New Zealand's withering fire. Whichever way one looks at

the match, there can only be the All Blacks in their first meeting in Dublin since 1989. Then, Willie Anderson's men linked arms and confronted New Zealand eyeball to eye-ball during the Haka, but it still didnot do them any good. Since hostilities began in 1905, the closest Ireland has come to winning was in 1973 when their 10-10 draw in

Dublin denied Ian Kirkpatrick's side a grand slam over the home countries. Tom Grace scored the try, but Barry McGann's conversion, which would have won the match, drifted wide. Up until 1992 the contests

between the countries were relatively close; since then the gulf has widened dramatically and Ireland have gone back wards. Six years ago in Wellington, Ireland suffered their 59-6. The last occasion the teams met was in the quarter-final of the World Cup in Johannesburg in 1995, when Ireland battled gamely for an hour before succumbing 43-19.

Today pessimists or realists. depending upon one's school of thought, talk openly of a record defeat. People mutter darkly about 100 points and mean it. It is not the best atmosphere in which to blood five new caps, three in the threequarters — Kevin Nowlan, the full back, John McWeeney on the left wing and Conor McGuinness at scrum half. Malcolm O'Kelly, Jeremy Davidson's replace-ment at lock, and Kieron Dawson, at open-side flanker, complete the quintet.

The raw back division, four of whom play for St Mary's.



Jonah Lomu was the centre of attention yesterday but he is not match fit and will not play for New Zealand today. Photograph: John Cogill

boasts, if that is the right word, a mere 29 caps between them, 19 alone belonging to Eric Elwood. The gulf in experience is phenomenal. Ireland collectively have 138 caps. New Zealand 422, and that is without Sean Fitzpatrick's 91.

New Zealand are a settled side, bristling with talent. Already they are being talked about as the best the world has seen. That is premature and Brian Lochore's team of 1967 might have something to say

What is different, and what marks this side out as special, is the potency it carries in every position. In the old days, New Zealand were simple and direct, playing by and large a grindingly efficient rucking game. You knew how they would play but still could not stop them. Nowadays opponents often do not have a clue where the threat will come from, neither sometimes do the All Blacks themselves, such is their ability to play the game off the cuff.

Fitzpatrick said on Thursday that he had never played in a side that had so many "line-breakers". That aside. his advice to Justin Marshall. his replacement as captain, with whom he is sharing a room, is " just to enjoy it".

Where Ireland must hope to be competitive is in the forvards, where their pack contains four British Isles players, and an entire Lions front row, including Nick Popplewell, who is playing against the All Blacks for the tenth time. Only once has he been on the winning side and that was for the Lions in the second inter-national in Wellington four

Rain is predicted, which should encourage Ireland to play it tight, driving through their forwards, relying on their passion and McGuin-ness's tactical kicking for Eric Miller, who, together

with the squad, yesterday visited St Joseph's School, in Sallynoggin, before practising Road, said that he relished the prospect of playing against his boyhood idol, Zinzan Brooke. "He is one of the all-time greats, a natural," he said. "As for our chances, well, the pressure is off Ireland. We have nothing to lose. They are developing into the greatest

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#### **RUGBY UNION**

# Wales strive to capitalise on rich promise

WHILE the juggernauts of rugby battle it out in the name of world dominance in the various corners of Europe, Wales, more modestly, next to the more tranquil setting of Swansea Bay, are for the moment, less overtly ambiless forbidding opposition by playing Tonga.

Continuing their itinerant policy, after their fixture against Romania in Wrexham in August, Wales are returnng to play an international at St Helen's, Swansea, for the first time in 43 years.
Wales will want to continue

where they left off in that match in the summer, when they managed to ensure that the scoreboard ticked over quite nicely to finish with 70 points, which included 11 tries. This proved a satisfactory afternoon. To those who jibe that this was "only" Romania, the answer has to be that even the seemingly softest of opposition can prove awkward to break down. The same may apply to Tonga. None of the home countries

has scored as many tries as Wales did against Romania and some have been known to lose. However small beer such facts may be. Wales, in their still fragile condition, need to be fed on them. Confidence needs to be encouraged.

There was much promise in the manner of their last victory. Their style was pacy, if not always accurate; there was variety to their play even if, occasionally, it lacked fine

Five changes have been made to the team, three due to injury. Gareth Wyatt, usually a wing for his club, will play at full back, Nigel Walker re-places Wayne Proctor on the wing and Neil Jrenkins returns to fly half instead of Arwel Thomas. Scott Gibbs comes in at centre instead of Leigh Davies and Mike Voyle is in the second row instead of Mark Rowley.

The retention rather than a change of player has caused the biggest surprise. Paul John keeps his place at scrum half, ahead of the British Isles player, Robert Howley. John, however, has been in

outstanding form for Ponty-pridd, while Howley, only just returning to full fitness, may not yet be up to speed. John, thus, re-establishes his part-nership with his club colleague, Jenkins. The latter returns to his favourite position after playing the whole of last season at full back. He last played at fly half last autumn. Tonga, who defeated Bridgend last Sunday and

Bath are in search of a new sponsor after Allied Domeon, the wine and spirits company, called time on the West Country side. Under the Teacher's logo, Allied Domecq provided match and training klt and the £500,000 branding of Bath's new South Stand. The four-year package was worth in excess of £1 million, but Allied Domecq has decided to concentrate its marketing activities on other areas from the start of next season. Bath are confident of landing a new backer by August.

Bath in midweek, have not succeeded in beating Wales in three previous outings. None of them could be considered runaway victories, though, with the scores at 15-7 in 1986 29-16 in 1987 and 18-9 in

Wales, if they are to enter the fray with New Zealand in two weeks with a degree of optimism, should seek to



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### France face taste of own medicine

By Our Sports Staff

SOUTH AFRICA plan to run the ball at every opportunity in a bid to beat France, the flamboyant five nations' champions, at their own game

Even the South Africa tight five have been given instructions to attack as the World Cup holders try to follow on from a 62-31 triumph over Italy in Bologna last weekend. "It will be a quick-paced game and you'll see our for-

wards running with the ball whenever the opportunity presents itself." Gary Teichmann, the Springboks' captain, said. "Our tight five showed against Italy that they can run with the ball - and cause havoc." The Springboks, building a

new-look team as they prepare for the defence of the World Cup in 1999, expect a tight match against a France team that won all three Latin Cup matches against Italy, Romania and Argentina last month. South Africa played two internationals against France last year, winning 22-12 in Bordeaux and 13-12 in Paris, and Teichmann said: "This will be as close and as hard." The second international will be played in Paris on November 22, before South Africa go on to face England and Scotland. Versatile Percy Montgom-

ery has been called up to injured full back, and France may look to take advantage of Montgomery's defensive frailties. Montgomery has scored five tries in six international appearances, but there are doubts about his tackling ability. He expects to be put under early pressure. "The French are sure to try and test me." he said. "I'm expecting a load of up-and-unders - they'd be

South Africa and France have played on 26 occasions with the Springboks winning 16 and France five. There have

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an international pedigree. There is the ability to play with passion. but also to apply the mind in an atmosphere far more intense than individuals may have known in the club game. We have to concentrate on the elements we can control. We are that flexibility, which is what will only human, some things are also be required on the pitch. beyond us: I can't control the weather, I can't control the referee — although sometimes I may have tried! — or the bounce of the ball.

But what you can control is your

I will be looking for this afternoon

WHEN the England players gather in the changing-rooms at Twick-

Those who have been picked are the best players in England at the moment. They are winners ready for the challenge ahead

- quality of performance. The younger players have to shut out the distractions and concentrate on making their displays fit into the overall team pattern.

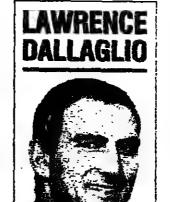
All of them will have gone through their own private rituals in the hours leading up to this game. Leading sportsmen, what-ever their discipline, do the same: tennis player bounces the ball the same number of times before serving, a basketball player does the same at the free-throw line. But the process has to encompass the team as a whole, there has to be

We have come together as a new, young squad this week and we have achieved an immense amount of work. We have tried to envisage the game today, the first tackle, the first catch, the first pass; the challenge that waits for us now

is the translation of the club form that carried players here in the first place to the international

The detail is so important, however minute it can sometimes appear. If the little things are done well, they contribute significantly to the wider picture, to the perfor-mance that leads to the result. I have played in only 12 internationals, but I have benefited in some way from each of those games, home or abroad. We are fortunate in that we start at Twickenham, against the team we last played, so that, in a sense, this is a return match, although many of the players who appeared in Sydney ive not been selected.

But what people should realise is that those who have been picked have proved beyond reasonable doubt that they are the best in England at the moment. Whether



We have the power and the passion to take on the world

they are aged 20 or 30, they have proved in the shop window of northern-hemisphere rugby — the Allied Dunbar Premiership in England and the Heineken Cup in Europe - that they can play well, Not only that, they have played well consistently, which is the

secret to a successful side, and the England management has demonstrated this week that it will reward consistency rather than

last year's form. It is true to say that, last weekend. French rugby offered convincing arguments about its strength compared with England. Equally, I believe English domestic Premiership rugby offers a challenging environment, even if the structure of the season is not what it should be. That is part of the challenge English rugby faces now, to provide a structure that not only ensures players have the opportunity to compete successfully on a European level but at a

That is what we are facing over the next three weeks, and what we will be facing over the next two years. We are in the process of destroying the myth that we do not face southern-hemisphere opponents often enough but we must look at when and how we play them. These four games - Australia today. New Zealand twice and South Africa - come in the middle of a domestic season when European rugby is vying with the English Premiership for the right to say: "This is the way forward."

it's a strange arrangement but. as a player, I have seen this series on the horizon and my concern is that England prepare in the best possible way. In that respect, I have to put the disappointment of Wasps losing to Brive behind me it was a game we could and

"The players are bubbling over with enthusiasm. It's an exciting prospect'

should have won, given that we were at home and the amount of possession we had - but I have been very excited about the positive feel of this week with England. I think some of the players we have will become very prominent in the

But no one should be under any illusions about the challenge this game represents. I admire the Australians for what they have

home to Australian Rules and rugby league. They have still put together an international team to rank among the best; they have won the World Cup and have the

capacity to win it again. At the moment they are evolving, looking for the best make-up of their team. They drew their series in Argentina, where few countries come away with a decisive advantage, but to play England at Twickenham is the real thing. The tradition of sporting conflict between the countries extends across any sport and they have players of acknowledged world class — John Eales, George Gregan, Ben Tune and Joe Roff

have quality stamped across them. They have not played well so far on tour but, if they maximise their potential, they are a very talented outfit. But this England team also believes in its potential. We have players bubbling over with enthusiasm and it's an exciting prospect. The public may have been surprised at the number of newcomers, but it is a team that has been picked because the management believes it can win.

# Inexperience may give the game away at Twickenham

A JOURNEY of discovery begins for England at Twickenham today and continues for Australia. In the summer, when the countries met in Sydney, England believed they had established their players for a new era, but Clive Woodward, their coach, has overthrown all known theories and created a side in his own image — whether it is a side that can survive in the harsh environment of international sport, we are about to

There is at once a sense of excitement and trepidation, with which some journeys begin. England have been down this road before, not always with great success -- 13 years ago, against Australia ar Twickenham, five newcomers under a new captain played in as with an era that is now Prost ancient history are no vant is the inexperience of so

many of the players who will take the field behind Lawrence Dallaglio. However strong, talented and courageous they are, they must come to terms quickly with a game faster and more intense than any they have played in before, in front of a crowd swollen beyond anything they have known with their clubs. For all the words of wisdom offered by Jason Leonard, Martin Johnson, Phil de Gianville and Dallaglio, the captain, each player must find his own way

ito the international game. This is what Australia will seek to exploit from the outset though, unusually, they appear short of confidence. This has been a difficult year for them. It began with the glee of a 2-0 series win over France, the European grandslam champions, but that pleasure trickled away in the tri-nations series that concluddefeat by South Africa in

Pretoria in August. That result cost Greg Smith his job as coach and left Rod Macqueen, his successor, picking up the pieces on an ill-England and Scotland, in which international fixtures outweigh provincial games. Macqueen, whose ACT Brumbies reached the final of the Super 12 tournament this year, readily concedes that the team loday is unlikely to go forward en bloc to the 1999 World Cup, but he believes the nucleus is



CHALLENGE

there; moreover the combination of criticism from home and the desire to put down a marker for a place in the World Cup squad make these Australians dangerous

This, at least, has been the tenor of the build-up this week, Englishman praising Australian ments and Australians confessing that, like much about the English. Elton Flatley, for example, was busy studying videos of Alex King on Wednesday; 24 hours later the Wasps fly haif was out of the England team and Flatley, no doubt, was reacquainting himself with Mike Carrs skills. The Queenslander will be a prime target for Catt and his back row, for if he fails to function in his first international, Australia's back line

will be hamstrung. George Gregan, always dangerous from the base of the scrum and a wonderful support player and defender. will try to take the weight from Flatley's shoulders, but if England can gain an advantage among the forwards they will

be halfway to winning a match sponsored, for the first time, by River and Mercantile. the fund management company. The England pack has worked under the direction of John Mitchell, the New Zealander who is Sale's director of rugby, and he admits that until they have played together, he is uncertain what to

The new-age rugby player seems to be very together, very mature." Mitchell said yesterday. "It's a privilege to watch these young guys having their opportunity. You can see in their eyes how much this occasion means to them. We have been trying to get an understanding of each other, working on the basic functions, preparing a foundation

that will allow us to perform." Indeed Mitchell would love to see premiership clubs employing more young English-men who, like Matt Perry and Andy Long, will challenge for places in the national team. We have to get used to playing at this tempo, and to do that we must play regularly against sides like Australia," Mitchell said.

It is the first time England have entertained Australia at Twickenham since the 1991 World Cup final, though since then they have met in the quarter-final of the 1995 event in Cape Town and in the Cook Cup match in Sydney in July of the 30 players who played that day, only li re-main. How swiftly professional sport can change -England will hope the result that day, defeat by 25-6, will

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You cannot be conservative if you want to be the best, says Woodward, the new, 'corporate animal' coach of the England rugby union team

# Woodward's new dawn

The mind's eye holds the picture of a lean figure in white, swaying past bemused Scots in an England team that, at long last, fulfilled their potential. Seventeen years later, Clive Woodward still talks of potential, still talks of fulfilment - now he can do something about it.

This morning, Woodward will have woken up in the England team hotel and thought: "Great - it's going to be a good day." He knew such days as a player, as a member of the 1980 grand-slam XV. Today, as coach of the national team, he will send out against Australia at Twickenham a XV so raw in certain areas that it bleeds. Does it worry him? Not at all.

This is the first and most public day of Woodward's life as a professional coach. It is the complement to his playing career with Loughborough University and Leicester, then in Sydney, where he wove midfield patterns as deceptive for his friends sometimes as they were for his enemies. He has been impatient for

the day to come. As a boy he

would have loved to have been

David Hands talks to the new England coach about his corporate approach to the position

a professional sportsman probably a footballer, just as his son, Joe, a member of Chelsea's academy of youth, may be one day. This is the man who, in a rugby sense, had it all in six months - the first of 21 caps for England, a grand slam, a British Isles tour. Thereafter, it was never quite the same.

I don't know why the game was so serious in those days and so few teams took risks after all, it didn't really matter whether you won or lost," he said yesterday. "I was one of those who did try to do something, but that was me, it didn't really reflect my personality off the pitch or what I did in business. On tour, I was in the fast lane, out with the guys having fun and that was how people perceived me, but rugby was my release."

Few people, himself included, would have perceived a future for Woodward, now 41, as England coach. His road to Damascus came in Australia, between 1984 and 1989, when his eyes were opened to the infinitely greater possibilities of rugby union as portrayed by Alan Jones and Bob Dwyer, two outstanding coaches.

Woodward was sent to Svdney by Xerox, the company that sells copiers, which is precisely what he wants Eng-lish rugby to stop doing. He joined Manly, winners of the Sydney premiership under Jones. "He was an out-and-out intellectual who, in his own words, knew stuff all about rugby," Woodward said, "He literally sat down, studied tapes, thought about the game and, in 1984, brought to Britain one of the best sides we have seen here.

But I was lucky enough to be able to watch what Dwyer was doing at Randwick. The rugby they played was fantas-tic with the Ella brothers and Campese, and even though they went on to play for Australia it was never quite the same as the rugby they played at home. It showed me what could be done, from a coaching point of view, and it was the first time I started to think about the game.

"It taught me to start with a blank sheet of paper, not to say 'he does it this way', but to be your own person, make your own things up, do what you think is right rather than just copy others. The English are a conservative nation - that's why when someone like Paul Gascoigne comes along in football he appears so different - but in sport you can't be conservative if you want to be the best."

That is where the hard edge to Woodward emerges, the edge he has learned in business and which virtually a full team of international players not at Twickenham today now understand better. people I worked for, Xerox, US Leasing, are big corporations who don't mess around. Now

rugby's professional and I'm acting like a corporate animal."

On his return to Britain, Woodward set up his own company. Sales Finance Leas ing. If it was a risk it has paid off handsomely for him, his wife, Jayne, and their three children, Jessie, 11, Joe, 9, and Freddie, 3, but it was also an indication of one who seeks to be master of his own des

tiny.
"I think we're still looking for that extra dimension. Geof Cooke and Will Carling did a great job and it was right that they played their way, with the pack that they had. They gave the whole game confidence and took it to a new level, but now someone has to take the next step," he said.

Woodward takes into the game today no preconceo tions, save those formed on the here and now of players. He played for England and the Lions on reputation and he will not let it happen as a coach. Nor will he fall into the English mistake of waiting for players to mature at a time when they may be playing the most exciting, uninhibited rugby of their lives.



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# Regal Sampras takes firm grip of world crown

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN HANOVER

THE pity about the concluding sequence to the round-robin format here yesterday was that Tim Hennian's controversial entry to the ATP Tour world championship overshadowed a majestic performance from Pete Sampras, the defending champion. Sampras shattered the notion that Patrick Rafter might extend him by contemptuously dismissing the Australian in 61 minutes.

This was Sampras in his pomp. He remains a class apart from those vying to dethrone him, but the afterglow of his performance was doused by an escalating row over Felix Mantilla's exclusion from this tournament. Mantillist of reserves than Henman and should have replaced his compatriot, Sergi Bruguera. who withdrew late on Thursday night through injury.

maintained that Mantilla could not be contacted, offered Henman the place, and spent much of yesterday countering Mantilla's accusations of bias. "It is not true that they

called or left a message. Mantilla insisted from his home in Barcelona. They have all my telephone numbers and those of my coach. I am feeling very angry. They don't respect me or the Spanish players."

His comments were rebutted by Peter Alfonso, the Tour's vice president of communications, who described any suggestion of anti-Spanish sentiment as ludicrous. Alfonso said: "Mantilla was called but there was no answer. I am sorry he feels that way, but we called all the

players in turn."
The incident was immediately seized upon by Spanish journalists, who maintained that they could have tracked

> eleventh-hour call-up.
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> One development that did go Spain's way was Sampras's defeat of Rafter: the outcome eliminated Rafter to the benefit of Carlos Moya. It was Moya who humbled Sampras here on Tuesday — although whether he would have coped with the American in this mood is open to doubt. Sampras, needing to win in straight sets to secure his semi-final place, started out

Mantilla down in a matter of

minutes. They also expressed

disquiet that one of Henman's

sponsors is Mercedes-Benz.

the biggest sponsor on the

ATP Tour and one of a

number of backers of this \$3.3

world championship. And David Felgate, Henman's coach, has been here all week

in his capacity as an ATP Tour

board member.
A technical rule prevented

another Spaniard, Alex Corr-

enja, from replacing Bruguera

Corretia was already engaged in an ATP doubles event

elsewhere and, apparently, could not withdraw. Thus

Henman, the ninth reserve at

the start of the week, took his

place in the eight-man field.

Apart from Mantilla, those above him are either injured

or unavailable. The circum-

stances all but mirror

Henman's entry to the Grand

Slam Cup last year, in which he earned \$425,000 after an

(about £2 million)

like a whirlwind. There was real venom in the Sampras backhand, perceived as his weaker wing. These things are relative, however, and Rafter, who concentrated his strategy on that target, found himself digging out low volleys from the tips of his toes. He was at full stretch to contain his opponent for half a set before the pressure told. Once breaking to lead 4-3, Sampras demolished Rafter's formess brick by brick.

Today, Sampras plays Jonas Biorkman in one semifinal. In the other, Moyà ackles the in-form Ye Kafelnikov, of Russia.

(TELEVISION: Today Eurosport, 2-5pm (Ivel, tomorrow 10pm-midreth).



Henman hurls himself at a service during his swift dismissal of Delgado

### Henman's runway victory

BY ALIX RAMSAY

ship, it was small beer. No matter, Henman was

ready for the challenge and

looked as if the quarter-final

encounter yesterday morning

was no more than a simple

practice session before he

headed for Birmingham air-

port. He began sluggishly against Delgado — it was an

early start, after all - facing

three break points in the opening game. However, he solved that problem with two

aces and two service winners.

minutive Delgado for most of the first set, Henman heard

the engines of his charter

plane revving up on the tar-

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Breaking Delgado easily to

win the first set 6-4, he never

looked back and, increasing

away with the second, 6-2, to

set up his semi-final appoint-

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FOR the past couple of years the tennis-watching public has been aware that Tim Henman is a player of rare talent, but few could have imagined that even he could play in two tournaments at once. Until yesterday, that is.

Regardless of the fact that he was already in the quarterfinals of the Guardian Direct national championships, Henman got the call from Germany late on Thursday night to bring his racket and fill in for the ailing Sergi Bruguera, who had pulled out of the ATP Tour championships in Hanover. Suddenly, the nationals paled into insignificance as the plans were made to get Henman to Hano-ver post-haste, Before he could leave, how-

ever, there was the small matter of Jamie Delgado to deal with if Henman was to give himself the chance to take third consecutive title in Telford and a winner's cheque of £9,000. Compared with the \$100,000 he stood to win

today. With that, he sped away to catch his flight, aiming to should he beat Yevgeni Kafel-nikov in the world championreturn late last night.

It may not be the best preparation for playing in either tournament, but Sap-sford is taking nothing for granted. "He may be a little bit tired for the semi-final," Sapsford said, "but he will take it all in his stride. He always does.

Andrew Richardson, the No 2 seed, was almost tripped up by Arvind Parmar in the other quarter-final played yes-terday. One of the few men to make the 6ft 4in Parmar look small, Richardson, at 6ft 7in. became tetchy as he was pushed to three sets, before

edging through 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. In the women's semi-finals, Sam Smith overcame Lorna Woodroffe 7-5, 6-3 in a mediocre match. in the final today, she will face Louise Latimer, who survived an early threat fore going through 7-6, 6-0.

THE EVISION: Today: BBC1; 1.10om, BBC2, 5.50-630pm (women's fine).

#### **England** defy the odds to

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN KUALA LUMPUR

reach final

SQUASH

SCINTILLATING enterprise from Simon Parke and Chris Walker carried England into the final of the ASCM-Sharp world team championship here yesterday when, with Del Harris tidying up in the dead rubber, they ejected the much-fancied Australia and foreshortened the triumph of Rodney Eyles, the new World

Open champion.
Parke, a doleful second-round loser in the World Open last week, and far from dynamic earlier in this team event, rose to unprecedented heights of commitment to defeat Eyles 9-3, 9-3, 9-6 in just 43 minutes of inspired shotplay on a court returned to the traditional 19-inch tin and cool enough in the air-conditioning

to hold a well-struck ball. David Pearson, the England coach, confided that Peter Marshall had been considered as a first-string alternative to Parke, but the angry confidence of the England No I brushed that thought aside, ensuring England's first direct win over an Australian men's

Parke said: "I was disappointed with my showing last week and this week against the Canadians in the pool round. I was determined here to re-establish my reputation and I was sharp enough to do

Walker had opened the semi-final with an incisively athletic win over Craig Row-land, 10-8, 2-9, 9-1, 9-5, in a 43-minute third-string rubber. Walker, the captain, has hardly had a decent win all year. dropping from No 4 to No 10 in the latest PSA world rankings. He was 6-8 down in the first game to Rowland, but took the tie-break on a series of audacious drop-shot attacks:

Rowland took the second game without dropping another point from 0-2, before Walker took control. "I knew I had to lay the foundation for either Simon or Del to pull out a big performance against the

other two. The said.
Worryingly, the final today
is against Canada, the No 4 Egypt, the No 3 seeds, 2-1 yesterday, and beat England 2-1 on Tuesday.

#### Holyfield says he may meet Tyson again

Holyfield has hinted he may have another meeting with Mike Tyson — the man who bit a piece off his ear. The WBA and IBF heavyweight champion said he would only face Tyson if he wins a possible unification bout with Lennox Lewis, the WBC

champion.
"If something is available, then why not, if I'm still in the game," Holyfield said. "But to fight him again, it has to be that I'm just there and have nowhere else to go." That would be the situation

#### Kirwan to coach

E BUCEY LEAGUE Oldham have appointed Paddy Kirwan, their former scrum half, as coach of the re-launched club following the liquidation last month of Oldham Bears. Wigan have parted company with Ray Unsworth, the assistant coach, and Chris Butler from the backroom staff.

#### Clarke test

E CYCLING: Barris Clarke, the national cyclocross champion, defends his six-point lead in tomorrow's second round of the National Trophy series at Ipswich from his immediate challengers Carl Sturgeon and Stuart Blunt. The race is based on a heathland circuit alongside the Foxall Stadium.

#### Peter Ball

The funeral of Peter Ball. the northern football correspondent of The Times, who died on November II, will take place at mid-day on Thursday, November 20 at St Mary's Parish Church. Rawtenstall, Lancashire. Family flowers only. Donations, which will be used for leukarmia research in the Manchester area. should be made payable to Directors, James Street, Rawtenstall Rossendale,

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# Arsenal's pathetic gratitude

urred to any one of the giddy Gunners supporters who have littered London's streets with their title talk and shellshocked grins since their victory over Man Utd last Sunday that what we actually witnessed was the embarrassing humbling of their once great club. Arsenal may have won the

match but their contribution to the game, coupled with the breathless relief of their fans at the final whistle, was in every respect identical to that of cop giant-killers delighted to have blackened the eye of a Big Name. I'm no fan of the champions - equally I find the supposed universal loathing of Old Trafford corny and idiotic but man alive they are a good team. I had supposed Arsenal were too, but on the day they, like every other Premiership side you care to name, were exposed as paste-and-patch pretenders who couldn't hide their breathless sur-

prise at daring to go two up. Like Wigan suddenly stealing a march over Leeds you could see the supporters revelling in the absolute cheek of the thing. Sitting in the same room as some disbelieving Gooners I kept saying: "But you're Arsenal. Where's your dignity? You are Arsenal. Why shouldn't you be leading Man Utd? Stop being so bloody gratefui."

But it was no good. Their tearfilled eyes and ecstatic grins showed that, these days, they knew their place. That Arsenal no longer truly saw themselves as equals but days.

**BAKER** 



as feisty underdogs having a go. They really hadn't dared hope to be beating Man Utd. Indeed, their presumptuous bluff having been called, they seemed to surrender the lead out of sheer overawed respect. Both on the pitch and off it the rest of the match simply became a matter of waiting for the coup de grâce. That Arsenal eventually nicked it should count for nothing. The result itself might call for a brief period of rejoicing but the social order it revealed was a far cry from halcyon Highbury

# Letters that spell gloat

VERY rarely in life do you get the chance to score a swift, total and crushing victory over your critics and detractors but, by gum, I've the opportunity this week. No fewer than 16 separate letters have arrived taking a superior, not to say swanky attitude over the "childish simplicity of my competition - answered

last week - on how to score two goals in a football match without anyone else touching the ball. Without exception these letters berate me for over-elaboration and explain you simply score the second direct from your secondhalf kick-off. Ooh, life can be sweet sometimes. Now ... will

IT IS soon to be the anniversary of Bob Marley's death and at this time I always get a slight twinge of guilt. This stems from the fact that I sometimes think I may have killed him. Here's what happened.

I was a journalist working on the New Musical Express and in spite of the fact that the NME was peopled with gloriously pale and loppish rock critics, we had a cracking good football team. This was because we were a side full of ringers who wouldn't have known Van Morrison from Van Halen or for that matter Ry Cooder from rye bread. Week in week out we would whack the pants off Dr Feelgood's roadies or Madness. In short we were invincible and

the benchmark for all other musicbased sides. Then the Wailers came to town. You have never seen a side like the Wailers. Though they took to the pitch in an impenerrable cloud-bank of herb smoke, they played a lightning-fast brand of one-touch football which jolted us as Puskas and Co must have joited England back in 1953, We simply couldn't get near them. They were six goals up inside 15 minutes and then made us the same offer that has humiliated park sides down the ages. Would we like a couple of their players? Us! The NME! They spoke not from arrogance but from the gemuine wish to make a game of it. Anyway we did, and though my

memory likes to think we had on

loan Peter Tosh and Bunny Wailer I actually think it was Rita Marley and their coach driver. It was shortly after play had resumed that I was hopelessly bamboozled by Bob Marley playing a quick one-two and came down hard on his foot. You can imagine how I felt. This was Bob Marley. Although his own team-mates recognised it as a genuine challenge for the ball, the one or two bona fide rock-hacks in my own side wanted to string me up. Marley spun around and around holding his foot and, thick though his patois was, the Anglo-Saxonisms were plainly identifiable. After a brief period laying on his back gasping. he joined the game again, limping heavily and eventually dropping back for a spell in goal. I thought of copies of Burnin' and Catch A Fire in my kit bag that I had brought to

be signed and flushed at the gills. When we decided to call it quits, the NME were down 13-2 and it was all laughs and embracing in the centre circle — us threatening to slaughter their next album in reviews and them, well, them threatening to play us again sometime. I remember Marley chuckling, his limp now gone, doing exaggerated "Keep Away" gestures to me and calling me





Marley, whose footwork bamboozled even the finest opponents

# Marley, me and a misplaced tackle

Nobby Stiles, Our hopes of a pie and a pint with the hoys vanished as they climbed into their coach

and waved goodbye. A few years later the news broke that Bob Marley was terminally ill resulting from an old football injury tragically neglected. For about six months after receiving the grim bulletin I had some very strange dreams indeed. As it turned out the injury, to one of his toes, was picked up at another match altogether and about a year after we'd met. In fact, many of my

was and he was great. Almost as great a midfielder as he was a songwriter. Which is, of course, the tragedy. For had he been your average rock 'n' roller bumbling away on the wing, my tackle would have been just right and as I danced away with the ball he would have fallen onto his backside in wonder — possibly swear-ing off the game for good. And the world would've had a narrow escape.

colleagues deny he was even there

that night in Hyde Park., But he

Before France took their late winning penalty against Scotland this week, a drum roll was played over the PA system. I was so shocked and impressed with this nod toward the tumbrils that I phoned everyone I knew in order for them to watch the replays later. On the replays you couldn't hear it. No reference was made to it. Of the three friends watching the match anyway, two of them said I imagined the whole thing and the third was so boozed he questioned there had been a penalty at all. Now, among my set. I've become The Man Who Hears Drum Rolls At Penalties. My only hope is that someone somewhere among my readership will have the courage to break this sinister omata and second my claim. Your anonymity will not be respected and there isn't a reward.

# **Smokescreens** get in your eyes

search this week insists that boys who watch motor racing are twice as likely to smoke as those who don't. I'm afraid I'm going to have to say hopey to that one. If you write Don't do drugs or "Cut out the graffiti" on the side of a fast car it will not puncture dope sales or polish up council estate lifts one iota. Why is it only negative things that go off the graph when given a few bucks and a campaign push?
I don't smoke. In fact I'm one of

those apoplectic types you see frothing and spluttering in unsegregated restaurants. Yet I have long been convinced that there has never been a single person who took up smoking because they saw an advertisement for cigarettes one day. Twenty Silk Cut are not some mysterious secret like masturbation or Jazz FM. Either you can smoke or you can't. You cannot innocently be seduced into the revolting habit by bright lights. fast cars and a snappy strap line.

In my experience, the very first time you attempt to draw upon a furning butt either you go green like a cartoon and spend the rest of your life attempting to get the taste out of your mouth, or else you declare fresh air to be last year's thing and suddenly realise the acrid pong of Capstan Full Strength is what they were grop-ing towards when they settle on Chanel No 5.

The whole tobacco endorsement thing seems to me a bit of a witchhunt. The argument is not about an unfair monopoly or about attempts to weaken consumer loyalty to any one pack. It really does seem to say, "If people see a cigarette sponsoring an event they will go and get some cigarentes", and that is a fuzzy old saw to say the least. Sports like darts, snooker and motor racing didn't become tar-trumpeters by accident — it's where the stuff belongs, so let's stop being so precious and get over it. Financing the building and testing of some of the planet's most reckless oil burning pigs seems a pretty smooth dovetail indeed.

I actually think many people don't realise what humiliating hondage some quarters of the sport has sold itself into in the desperate scramble to to find a PC backer out there. Consider poor old Bristol Rovers. Twice a week at the moment they must take to the field in shirts which tell all and sundry that they are under the commercial yoke of none other

CONVENIENTLY, new rethan Bradshaw's Snack Box Ltd. Keggy Keegle's struggling Fulham might suddenly be the high-class outfit he seeks to create if some kindly tobacco baron lifted from them the social sore thumb that is the Plumbers & General Boilermaker's Union logo. My own Millwall - yes, we had to get round to The Den sooner or later have hopped in bed with Mirror Group's Live TV and wear on their proud shirts the words "The Weather in Norwegian". Good God. I'll take socially unacceptable sponsorship before ironic sponsorship every time.

But as it is the sporting photo opportunities for the tobacco trade and their cancerous hot-cake are daily dwindling, not from genuine reasoning but from some pious sense of cosmopolitan duty. It will serve the world right if the smokey sponsors are driven to use their vast reserves of cash in locations even more eye-catching, dangerous and newsworthy than its natural home of Formula One. Perhaps buying up the rights to some of California's massive annual forest fires or ultimately a huge neon cowboy reclining against the side of Monserrat's famously bad-tempered volcano. In the face of such epic gestures even such finnicky pickers of restaurant tables as I might be rempted to have another bash at

# Seduced by the sound of Schumacher

MICHAEL Schumacher wouldn't be in half the trouble he is if his name weren't quite so enjoyable to say. In one short news report on Tuesday the word "Schumacher" was used an incredible 17 times, expanding to more than 20 in the evening bulletin. Consequently even the most uninterested party comes away from the broadcast maybe still unaware of the story but subconsciously indoctrinated that if they ever met anybody called Schumacher they must instantly flee in the opposite direction. Not, perhaps, a bad lesson after all. ☐ Danny Baker is on Talk Radio (1053-1089am) every Saturday from 5.30pm.

GOLF: WOMEN HOLD THEIR OWN ON OPENING DAY OF INAUGURAL EUROPEAN CUP

# Battle of sexes engenders close rivalry

a woman, and no female can bear to be beaten by a man who may be old enough to be her father, the European Cup. which pits the continent's seniors against the women of the professional tour, is an event that can hardly fail. It has many of the ingredients that have caused trouble between the sexes since all that hanky-panky in the Garden of

The men expected to win because men always do. However, the women felt that they had to prove that their youth, and an overall advantage of just over 400 yards from the tees, would be sufficient. At the end of a pleasant, sunny day warmed by a gentle wind both sides felt that they had been proved right. After five foursomes matches the score is 212-212 with two days to go.

Fewer than one dozen spectators saw Marie Laure de Lorenzi, the women's captain, drive on a sodden 1st hole after José Maria Cañizares had behaved as if she was a visitor no the court to the King of Spain and courteously kissed her hand. Fewer still watched Antonio Garrido hit his side's second shot into a pond guard-

ing the green. Those who were present were workmen from nearby blocks of flats and they could not have cared less, their concrete mixer screeching and whining as Canizares pitched to the 1st. Finishing rather as they began, Garrido and Canizares played the last three holes in one over par and deservedly lost by two holes.

It may be some time before Noel Ratcliffe and Maurice Bembridge can live down the fact that they were three up afer eight holes and mislaid five of the next ten to lose their match, but Alison Nicholas had something to do with it. She and Trish Johnson birdied two holes, Ratcliffe and Bembridge bogeyed two, and the match was turned upside

Karen Lunn and Joanne Morley threatened to sweep Tommy Horton and John

From John Hopkins, golf correspondent in praia d'el rey, portugal SINCE no man dares to lose to Morgan, the seniors' strongest pairing, into the Atlantic. This is tougher than I expected," Horton said as he walked up the 7th. Lunn and Moriey reached the turn in 32, four under par. No wonder the

> Where Horton and Morgan should have had an edge was in competitive experience. Perhaps this was what enabled them to raise their game when it was needed. Morgan holed from 20 feet on the 14th, Horton from the same dis-tance on the 15th. Morgan then played a delicate pitch to the length of Horton's putter handle for the men to win the 16th as well and level the match. That was how it remained, Morley holeing good putts from four feet on the last

men were three down.

two greens. This was some match. There were eight birdies in all and the overall standard was high. The exception came at the opening hole, when Horton, whom one would suggest was overcome by nerves were it not for the fact that he is too experienced for this to be an excuse hacked his drive into the gorse bushes that are such a feature of this course.

A few male chauvinists may be surprised that this competition is turning out to be a legitimate contest. The truth is that the men are nearer full strength than the women, who are without Laura Davies and at least four other leading players. Another surprise is how well the men's length advantage has been neutralised by the skilful positioning of the ladies' tees.

Perhaps the greatest surprise is the course, which is a gem. It has a stretch of five holes on which players either aim at the Atlantic, to a green set in a nest of sandhills, or play alongside the ocean.

How long spectators will be able to trample freely over the dunes before it is realised that this causes considerable deterioration, and how long it will, be before houses that will pay for this venture start to rise and blight the adjoining land-



# Westwood and Clarke maintain challenge to power of Ozakis

THERE were Ozakis in prominent profusion at the end of the second round of the Sumitomo Visa Taiheiyo Masters here yesterday, but the burly Anglo-Irish duo of Lee Westwood and Darren Clarke also formed a formidable presence as they enhanced their growing international reputations.

They were in the group of six in second place, on 136, eight under par, alongside Jumbo, the oldest and most distinguished of the Ozaki brothers, and Mark O'Meara. the quietly efficient United

States Ryder Cup player.

Joe, the middle Ozaki, was the leader, a single shot ahead of the pack, but he will not be partnering his brother today. He will be playing with Clarke and Yoshinori Mizumaki, whose caddie is Andy Prodger, once always seen at the side of Nick Faldo.

Clarke, who returned a second successive 68, played better than he had for months but needed 35 putts on greens that are faster than Augusta's.

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN GOTEMBA, JAPAN

They have been measured at 12.25 on the stimpmeter, a speed British greens are only likely to reach if they are iced over. "I had a lot of difficult putts because the breaks were massive," Clarke, said.

At the 8th, where he dropped his only shot, he was 30 feet above the hole, after a flier out of the rough, and eased his first put 20 feet past. "It was like lightning," he said. "I had no shot. You've got to be below the hole."

Westwood, the defending champion, also had a second 68 on another calm, damp day - Mount Fuji is rumoured to be somewhere in the vicinity, but it has been keeping the lowest of low profiles - and is quietly confident. "I'm playing well," he said, "and I know I'm good enough to win any tournament I tee up in. But if the weather stays the same, I think I'll need two rounds better than 68 to win here again."

anything but — just a very assured 24-year old with every reason to have confidence in his game. Today, he plays with Peter McWhinney, of Australia, and Jose María Olazabai, a Ryder Cup colleague, who suffered acute embarrassment at the 16th, where he had a double-bogey six. Seven under par at the time. Olazábal missed the green with an eight-iron and was on a steep downslope in a grassy hollow below the level of the green. It was a difficult pitch, but the Spaniard missed the ball altogether, as the club passed right underneath it. "I've never done that before in a tournament," he said. "I thought things were slipping away." Birdies at the 17th, where he hit a six-iron to three feet, and at the 18th, where his sand-wedge approach was within three feet of the bole, salvaged a 70 and

left Olazábal, champion here

in 1989 and 1990, very much a

That might look cocky in cold print, but Westwood is

# Morgan in control until fate deals more sad news

SNOOKER

DARREN MORGAN, whose recent visits to the game's leading occasions have been blighted by tragedy, was dealt another cruel blow after taking a 6-2 overnight lead against Dominic Dale in the second round of the Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom championship in Preston yesterday.

Morgan compiled three century breaks against Dale, a surprise winner of the Grand Prix just month, but, as he left the Guild Hall auditorium, still in dress suit, he was told that his brother, Roger, 29, had been taken to a hospital emergency ward in South Wales, suffering from a blood

clot on his leg.
"I just couldn't take another

By PHIL YATES

blow," Morgan said. Last year, he flew home from the World Cup in Bangkok after his mother. Cynthia, died. This year, his father, Morgan, died while Darren was competing in the world championship at the Crucible, Sheffield. Since my father died I

haven't been able to concentrate properly, but over the past couple of weeks my form has suddenly come back," Morgan, the world No 15, said. "I am just pleased it's happened for me in a mutch, but I certainly won't be taking anything for granted."

Morgan provided the initial indication that his confidence had returned with a break of

112 in the second frame. He followed up with a run of 108 in the fifth, cleared brown to pink in the sixth and moved 6-1 ahead with a break of 110 in the seventh. "Darren played like a dream," Dale said. Dale needs to win seven of the remaining nine frames today

for a place in the last 32. Stephen Hendry began the defence of his title by constructing a 7-1 lead over John Read, of Wolverhampton. Hendry, attempting to win the championship for the fourth year in succession, was not at his overpowering best, but never looked back after poaching a 40-minute opening frame on the black,

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SAILING

## Krantz crew prove more than match

POWERED by winds of more than 50 knots, Swedish Match is maintaining her considerable lead at the head of the Whitbread Round the World Race fleet heading for Fremantie, Western Australia. The crew of Gunnar Krantz covered 420.0 miles yesterday, only 14 miles short of the 24-hour record distance for a monohull, as Swedish Match sped through the Southern

Ocean at 30 knots per hour. Innovation Kvaerner, lying second, and third-placed Toshiba are struggling to keep pace. High winds, though, have caused some wear and tear to both Swedish Match and Innovation. The leader has a damaged starboard steering wheel and a broken stanchion and afterguy, as well as a possible rudder problem after a minor collision with a whale. Innovation, meanwhile, put a hole in the deck when a sizeable wave broke over the side of the boat.

Knut Frostad, the Innovation skipper, reported: "Life down below is just a wet mass. On deck, it's just like being hosed down by the fire brigade non-stop. Some of us are lucky enough to have a wet bunk to sleep in."

BOWLS

# Hankin inspires narrow victory

By GORDON DUNWOODIE

ENGLAND, the holders, continued their improved form in the European indoor team championship in Jersey when they claimed wins over Ireland, the leaders, in both the women's fours and men's singles events. The victories brought them within one point

England's women's fours side — Sharon Rickman, Mandy Jacklin, Beryl Alderson and Doreen Hankin - started the revival yesterday with a spirited fightback that saw them claim a lastbowl 22-21 win over the Irish rink, which was led by Marga-

ret Johnston. Johnston's side - with Muriel Wilkinson at lead. Isobel Bell second and Dessa Baird third — dominated their match almost until the last. They were leading 8-1 after five ends, 14-6 after 11 ends

and 20-9 after 14 ends. freland were still in front at 21-14 with just four ends to play before Hankin rallied her troops. A count of three on the eighteenth end, followed by singles on the next two, saw England trim Ireland's lead to

just two shots going into the

last end where a count of three completed their great escape and give them a narrow vic

"We really had to go for it." Hankin said. "Nothing short of a win would have been good enough to put the pressure on Ireland and thankfully we

The revival continued in round 17 of the men's singles where David Holt, of Blackpool, held on to beat Gary McCloy, of Ireland, 21-17. Holt opened up a commanding 16-8 lead after 20 ends, but dropped a maximum four, followed by a double, to allow

McCloy to close to within two at 14-16. Holt maintained that lead over the next four ends to lead 19-17 and then wrapped up the points when a double on the

27th end gave him victory. England and Ireland both triumphed in the women's singles, with Norma Shaw, of England, beating Karina Horman, of Jersey, 21-15 and Phillis Nolan, of Ireland, defeating Anne Simon, of Guernsey, 21-16.

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# **FOOTBALL SATURDAY**



# Natural born thriller

Michael Owen is 17 and training with the England team. Yet there is no evidence that it's all going to his head. Pictures by Marc Aspland

rom somewhere in the back streets around Anfield, the haunting sound of a harmonica drifted out on the breeze. Gradually, it became louder until a small boy, just six or seven years old, danced round corner with his friend. playing lustily. The instrument was black and yellow with a picture of a parrot on it and he played until he came right up to us. "You must be a Bob Dylan fan," I said. "No," he said indignantly. "I'm a Liverpool supporter.

music stopped and the boy's attention wandered. His gaze fell on the bright new white top that Michael Owen was wearing and he ran the out-side of his hand up and down it lovingly. The boy called his friend over. "It's so beautiful and smooth," he said, as though he were entranced by

For a while, the two of them watched as Owen stood in one of the back alleys. "Why's that lad having his picture taken in our entry?" the elder child asked. They ran round to another street so that they could get a closer glimpse of the camera whirring. Later, they had an impromptu kickabout with him near the carpark gates. Bolder now, they even

aimed a few playful punches at English football's newest star and screamed in delight when he started shadowboxing with them. Eventually and inevitably, though, they realised who it was that they had been entertained by so artiessly and a new urgency fell upon them.

They scampered around Owen as he sauntered back to his car, begging and pleading with everyone they came across for a scrap of paper and a pen. When they got what they needed, they thrust them under Owen's nose as he sat in the driver's seat, watching as he wrote as though he was When he had finished, they tore both their bits of paper from his hand. All their inhibi-

tions had gone now and they

did not seem to mind that Owen was right next to them as they began to try to sell his autograph. "How much will you give us for it, mister?" they said. The little harmonica player had changed his

The episode seemed like a parable, a simplistic warning that there are others out there. more ruthless and more experienced, who will try to buy and sell Owen, to exploit him as he becomes one of the most precious commodities of the burgeoning football business. tions in the way of what promises to be a stellar career.

Were it not for the fact that he is in the midst of a threematch suspension, it is probable that the young striker would have played some part in the England international against Cameroon at Wembley today. He is so highly rated, so much a part of England's future, that Glenn Hoddle, the England coach. invited him to train with the squad at Bisham Abbey all week anyway. His chance may come in England's next match in February.

These are important days in Owen's career as he tries to negotiate the pitfalls and the publicity that have become such a large part of any young player's life. He is just 17, but already pressing Robble Fowler and Karlheinz Riedle for their places in the Liverpool first team. He is performing so impressively that a substantial minority are tipping him to accelerate into Hoddle's squad for the World Cup finals. His feet are not just on the ground, however, they

f there are worries about the character and the temperament of that other bright England hope. Rio Ferdinand, there are none about Owen's and to smooth his development he has already gathered a formidable support group around him. Foremost is his father, Terry. now a scout for Liverpool but once an Everton player who later slipped into the lower

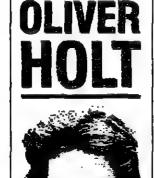


In the Liverpool back streets: as a child Owen worshipped Everton, then was captivated by Gascoigne's skills in 1990. This week they were together training for England

leagues. "He took me to one side and told me what was right," Owen said. "I knew I could trust in what he said."

Beyond the influence of his father, he is managed by one of football's more respected agents, who also looks after the business affairs of Alan Shearer and David Platt. He has a kit deal with Umbro, a firm that believes in choosing its representatives with care and claims to prefer a wholesome image to a controversial

Shearer is their figurehead,



similarities between his straight-talking, matter-of-fact approach and that of the Newcastle United centre forward. "I have never been any different." Owen said. "I don't put on an act when I speak to people or when I play on the pitch. It is just natural."

More than anything. though, it is because of what he says and the way he says it that Owen impresses. He is a who is popular and admired by his peers, but already there is a seriousness of purpose about him that belies his years and bodes well for his footballing future.

This, it seems clear, is not a talent that is going to be frittered away in youthful

excess, drowned in drink or dissipated by the emotional immaturity that Paul Gascoigne has found so difficult to overcome. The threat of injury. of course, is always an unknown but, that apart, Owen is a young man who exudes control over his destiny and a searing singlemindedness. "I was confident of doing

well when I was picked to play in the first team in the Premier League," Owen said. "I have always thought I could. I have always prepared myself to be a professional and when I got doing well. I did expect the success I have this season, in a

way./
"Since the season began, people tend to recognise you a bit more. But I still keep my feet on the ground. I still live at home near Chester and I intend living at home. I value my family more than anything. I have still got the same friends. I would like to think I haven't changed too much.

"I wouldn't change now. I have always wanted to be a footballer. I have always prepared myself for being a footballer. You hear a lot of people saying how important school qualifications are, but I didn't seem to see the sense in that. If I didn't make it as a professional footballer then I would want to do something in

"I have never been out on the razzle before. I don't think too much about the fact that I could be out with my mates going for a drink. I have always wanted to be a footballer and the things that go with it are just there and you cannot change them. It is good to be instilled with discipline right from the start and that is what my Dad gave me."

After two years at the Football Association's School Of Excellence at Lilleshall and a brief spell in the Liverpool reserves. Owen scored within 17 minutes of coming off the substitutes' bench for his firstteam debut away to Wimbledon last May. Those who saw that goal felt they were witnessing the start of something

This season, he has startled opposing defences with his blistering pace, his confidence and his poise. The big occasions, quite patently, do not frighten him: he scored with a clinical finish in the first leg of Liverpool's Uefa Cup tie against Celtic at Celtic Park earlier this season. He played so well in the first ten games of the season that it became hard for Roy Evans to drop him. So the Liverpool manager

dropped Riedle, the Germany striker, instead once Fowler had returned to fitness. top in your sport," Owen said.
"If you believe yourself that
you are better than whoeveryou are up against, you are halfway there. That is a major factor in it. I go out and play my own game and if I do well I would expect to play in the next game. The manager does not have any favourites, and if

you are playing well, he will

play you regardless of whoelse is around."

л Everton supporter when he was younger, he idolised Graeme Sharp and Andy Gray before being capti-vated by the skills of Ges-coigne during the 1990 World Cup. When he first trained with the full England squad. before the World Cup qualifying match with Italy last month. Owen admitted that he was "stunned" at meeting and playing alongside his hero.

Michael has not looked out of

coigne said yesterday. Now, though, Owen has a new agenda. Before the season started, his target was to play 12 first-team games. He has hit that already. The new target is two dozen. Nor has he ruled out the possibility of being one of the 22 England players who will get on the plane for France

place here this week." Gas-

"I hope I can get into that squad sooner rather than lat-" he said. "I don't expect to be in it. but if I am doing well for Liverpool and scoring goals for Liverpool, then who knows what the England manager might be thinking?"

# Al Fayed steeling himself for chill wind in Margate

MOHAMED AI Fayed, proprietor of Harrods, the Ritz Hotel in Piccadilly and Fulham Football Club, is about to have his suitability for British citizenship put to the test. Even Norman Tebbit could not conjure a than Al Fayed undertakes on Sunday, when Fulham. secretary, have seen it all

the faded glamour club of west London, travel to nonleague Margate for an FA Cup first-round tie that reeks of an upset. Should Mr Al Fayed require a taste of the welcome

in store, he could to worse than walk along Margate's waterfront. On one side, he will find a hostile line of angry sea-horses and idle cargo vessels. On the other, a façade of Wilting bingo parlours and amusement arcades. He may struggle to grasp that this was once a thriving resort. He may struggle to recognise that the grunt and spit of Margate Football Club masks a genuine reputation for hospitality. As Keith Piper, the club's chair-man, put it: "We like to make our visitors feel welcome before we stuff 'em." The meter has long since

left the scale down at Hartsdown Park. Margate FC is run by a band so small that they would be overrun behind the fruit counter at Harrods. Preparations started the moment that Margate were paired with Fulham in a competition richer in history than Al Fayed's Knightsbridge store. On match day, the telephone is answered not by a faceless secretary but by Robert Griffiths, the club's

Some of the dichards, like Ken Tomlinson, the club

Julian Muscat on the Fulham

owner hoping for Cup success

before. Tomlinson was there 28 years ago when Margate lost an FA Cup secondround replay to Crystal Palace before 30,000 at Selhurst. Park. He was there two years later, when, in their greatest slaying act to date, the club buried Bournemouth, then among the old third division leaders, 3-0 in

The wheel has started spinning again. An average

the first round.



- the maximum allowed by local authorities - courtesy of banks of temporary seating. A scaffold tower, the only skyline rival to a monstrous concrete tower block. has been built to accommodate Sky television. Images of the seriously sloping pitch and arcane stands will be seen by hundreds of thousands at home. The sheer logistical effort

gate of 270 will swell to 6,000

has taken its toll. Fulham officials, encased in their swanky west-London abode, singularly failed to appreci-ate the demands on local printers, who baulked at the prospect of producing 5,000 match programmes in less

than a week. They were not forthcoming with information on their team, which only because Colin Page, a Margate director and pass-ionate Fulham supporter, retained the programme

Cottage.

Many in Margate's preforfeit home advantage for a bigger pay-day, but the club is through with mere survival, has put behind it a series of bankruptcies, has grown tired of existence in the Dr Martens League southern division, The directors have embraced ambition. The hiring of 12 different managers in five years has earned Piper a reputation commensurate with chairmen of FA Carling Premiership clubs.

The latest recruit, Chris Kinnear, is equally ambitious. "It is due reward for the efforts of everyone here. but I am desperate to win the match," he said. "My team knows how to win games and I know we can win this one. With all due respect. Fulham are not Manchester United."

If he has the ambition, Al Fayed certainly has the resources to close the gap between his club and the Premier League champions. in the meantime, he faces the most primitive of footballing baptisms.

Piper was asked why Margate donates the larger of their spartan changing rooms to the visitors. Because the smaller one is heated," Piper retorted. No cold quite matches the chill wind rising from the coast in Live on Sky Sports 2.

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# **FOOTBALL SATURDAY**

# Hoddle steps up search for proof of England spirit

THERE was big news from Bisham Abbey yesterday as England put the finishing for the international against Cameroon tonight. It trickled out three days after the event as though some time needed to be wedged between a happening like this and the release of the secret. Last Tuesday, it transpired, the squad had been allowed out en masse to let their hair down.

It was, Glenn Hoddle, the Inational coach, said, a chance for him to offer a thank you to his players for achieving automatic qualification above Italy for the the World Cup finals in France next summer. Les Fer-Idinand, not in the present squad, showed up, too. Alan Shearer and Stuart Pearce were invited, but could not make it. There was not a dentist's chair in sight, of course, Instead, coaches and players headed for an Italian restaurant. "Just to rub it in," Hoddle said.

The outing was invested with what seemed dispropornonate significance at first yesterday, partly because its low-key nature provided such a stark, controlled contrast to the last time that the players went out together and ended up in Hong Kong's China Jump Club a few weeks before the beginning of Euro 96.

But, coming as it did at the very start of the next phase of England's build-up to the World Cup, a phase where Hoddle will have to assess every aspect of a player's character and temperament and the benefits he can bring to the collective spirit of the squad, it seemed to mark the start of a seven-month period of intense player analysis.

in some ways, of course, the game at Wernbley today will be a celebration of the draw in Rome last month that took England forward to France but, more pertinently, it will cess for Hoddle, a chance to indulge in limited experimentation to see whether certain squad members can prove themselves capable deputies for the first-choice players. The six matches between now and June will be like six World Cup squad eliminators for the

players. Andy Hinchcliffe, the Everton full back, who reminisced yesterday about lying on a hospital bed two days before last Christmas, seeing a surgeon holding up his cruciate ligaments and thinking his career was over, is likely to be one of those who will be tested tonight, probably as the leftsided component of a back-

"When I was on that bed."



Hinchcliffe said, "the World Cup was a million miles away. But I tried to use the injury to my advantage, to take time to analyse what it was that had made me a successful player and to make sure I could reproduce it when I came back. I wish I'd kept that piece of ligament now so that, when my kids say to me in the future that I didn't try hard enough as a player, I could have showed it to them."

Robbie Fowler, too, will probably come under the microscope against the Lions of Africa. Hoddle made it plain that he still herboured doubts about the temperament of the Liverpool forward and expressed the hope that he was learning from his mistakes. Fowler sented his first international goal against Mexico

ability, which strikes awe into those who wimess it, should surely see him into Hoddle's final 22, possibly having usurped lan Wright as Alan

Shearer's understudy. Steve McManaman, Fow-ler's Liverpool team-mate, is also likely to be recalled. His place in the England midfield is a reward for the return to form he has shown for his club. Any midfield featuring him, Gascoigne and Beckham is bound to be a creative force to be reckoned with.

"The major issue for me in the six matches we have ahead of us before the World Cup," Hoddle said, "is to think that ten days before the tournament somebody might get an injury and where do you go from there. It is a balancing act between continuity and finding out who is going to be right for the tourna-

"There will be a sense of testing players out and, by the end of the six games, I want to know which of them have got the right temperament. Sometimes, there is not much to choose between players on the training pitch but then character comes into it, too. If it is borderline in terms of skill, then you take the one who might fit in better, do more for team spirit.

"I will also find out when I rest players just how much we miss them. I might think that things did not quite tick how I thought they would without him and we have missed soand-so more than I thought. It is not about dropping players, it is resting them. They might end up being rested and having a very positive night because we discover just how important they are."

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# BRIAN GLANVILLE



taly need no more against Russia in Naples today to qualify for the 1998 World Cup finals. Should they do so, which for Fifa and the French organisers is a consummation devoutly to be wished. Cesare Maldini

will stay in charge. He was promised as much in a two-hour meeting with Luciano Nizzola, the president of the Italian Football Association. before the draw in Russia.

Nizzola covered him with compliments and expressed his faith in Maldini's abilities: but then what else could he do? There is no other Italian manager in sight, since they have never been prepared to appoint a club manager on a part-time basis for the World Cup. It is a policy that rules out the likes of Marcello Lippi (Juventus), Gianni Trapattoni Bayern Munich) and Fabio Capello (Milan).

Maldini, who was virtually appointed by default after his under-23 team had disappointed in the Olympic Games, has, in any case, been restored to popular favour after the commendable draw in Moscow, where the Italians defied the appalling weather, the slippery pitch and strong appeals for a Russian penalty. Maldini is a happier

Dino Baggio, left, benefits from Cesare Maldini's instruction during training with Italy near Rome this week

Maldini must, however do without Christian Vieri who, after missing that late headed chance against England, really came into the Italy goal. He was injured at the weekend

This week, at the Borehesiana training ground outside Rome, all has been tranquil. Gianfranco Zola is unlikely to start the match today, but here, too, fences have been mended. Both insist there was

and calmer man now than

he was before the Moscow

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untypically lost his temper

with a television journalist

game. Then, at a press

whom he addressed as

assottino or "shorty":

something that illustrated

the Italian powers-that-be.

his state of mind and alarmed

ever any trouble or tension after the England game, when Zola so resented being made to play in midfield. He insists he was perfectly reconciled to being sent to the stand in Moscow. Maldini, meanwhile, has said: "Besides being a fantastic player, Zola is a fantastic man. Before the England game he told me: 'Mister, if you have to leave me out for the good of the

team, I won't complain about it.' "

Italy prepare to fulfil expectations

'Maldini is happier and calmer than before Moscow'

playing for Atlético Madrid, but Fabrizio Ravanelli, his partner for most of the game in Moscow. is in good form for Marsellles - whom he helped to beat Paris Saint-Germain last weekend - and was an impressive figure when Italy defeated Poland in Naples last season.

It is likely that Ravanelli will be parinered up front by Alessandro del Piero, who

came on late in the game situations difficult to against Russia, and could handle. But I've always come complement him well, as out of them well, so I can he once did at Juventus. only be happy. Very much the Another candidate is

Enrico Chiesa, who has pace

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excelled in that Poland game,

In goal, Angelo Peruzzi

through injury, but Maldini

whether Gianluigi Buffon, 19,

the right man for the World

After Moscow, where he

came on as substitute for the

Buffon said: "I always seem

TEAMS ALREADY QUALIFIED:

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Colombia, Paraguay, Tunisia, Morocco, Cameroon, Nigeria,

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underdogs, and poor travellers, Russia are not helped by injury to Andrei Kanchelskis, whose buildozing runs down the right have worried the Italians in their past two meetings. Alenichev is a more creative and incisive midfield player than the Italians have, Sergei Yuran has lost the weight and found the form he never

showed at Millwall. But, by contrast with Maldini, Ignatiev, the team's coach, is an Aunt Sally, ridiculed as a tactician, criticised for having kept the striker Alexander Mostovoi out of his teams.

Italy should qualify. Then it will be off to their World Cup training camp in Vichy, where Cesare Maldini doubtless hopes to emulate de Gaulle rather than Pétain.

One qualitying place remaining — Irom either Jamaics or El Salvador.

Tomorrow: Jamaica v Mexico: Costa Rica v Canada; United

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# Ireland's senior citizens confident of a fitting finale

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON

MICK McCARTHY, the Ireland manager, and some of his players -- -Shay Given, Lee Carsley, Andy Townsend and Tony Cascarino - stood down from the podium in Ballroom A of the grand Conrad International hotel here yesterday. A lew carnera flashes, radio interviews and good luck wishes later, they were

gone. The time for talking was over. They retreated to the less salubrious, yet more isolated Hotel Abbey in Grimbergen, on the outskirts of Brussels, to while away the hours before re-emerging in the King Baudouin Stadium this evening. Ireland's World Cup qualifying playoff against Belgium — the second leg - is almost upon them.

It was a good performance in Ballroom A. McCarthy said much, yet gave away nothing. Frequently, as is his want, he indulged in Ag Magadh Faoi, making him of his inquisitors. Not in a sneering attempt to humiliate, more in playful recognition of a leading question he felt unwilling to answer.

"I'm not a great one for team talk."
he said. "I can talk until I'm blue in
the face, but it's the players who have to do it. We're all aware of what is at stake. We musn't get too wrapped up in the occasion, we have to keep calm. I don't want us running around like headless chickens." McCarthy's podium companions

of Irish football. Townsend, the captain, and Cascarino - combined age 69, combined caps 144 - spoke comfortably and thoughtfully. It was not mentioned, but the extension of their international careers probably

They still have key roles to play, with Townsend driving on the expected five-strong midfield and Cascarino, if preferred to David Connolly, rampaging alone up front. A third successive appearance in the World Cup finals would provide a fitting finale for them.

rests on the result tonight.

"We've had a few ups and downs on our journey, a few highs and lows, but we are still in with a chance," Townsend said. "When we qualify -

- it will seem all the sweeter after what we've been through."

Given and Carsley - combined age 44, combined caps 15 - were understandably less at ease in the spotlight. Only the briefest of responses were elicited and, at one stage, McCarthy made a fatherly intervention when he considered Carsley had been questioned

unfairly.
Yet the pair also have vital parts to play. Given must keep his goal intact while Carsley must cancel out the clusive Luc Nilis. Ireland's fate could hinge on how they fare. Belgium exude similar confidence, even though injuries have forced Georges Leekens, the coach, to make five

not if, because I feel sure we can do it changes from the side that drew I-I at Lansdowne Road last month.

Belgium start favourites and Ireland will have to expend every ounce of energy if they are to reach France. "I know a lot of fans have aiready arrived and they will have a party beforehand," McCarthy said. "I hope betorernand, Micharthy said. I hope they'll have an even bigger one after."

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# GROUP PLAY-OFFS (first leg scores in brackets). Four play-off winners qualify for place in France 1998

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goals, extra-time (two periods of 15 minutes) will be played, applying the golden goal rule. If no goal is scored during extratime, then penalty kicks will be taken.

SOUTH AMERICA

(CONMEBOL)

Top four learns quality for place

in France 1998. One qualifying place remaining — from either Chile, Peru or Ecuador

Tomorrow: Uruguay v Ecuador; Peru v Paraguay, Chile v Bolivia; Argentina v Colombia.

ASIA (AFC) and OCEANIA (OFC)

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SECOND ROUND: Saudi Arabia and South Korea have qualified for finals

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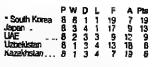
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# Doubts over fans' reaction | Noades to cloud Atkinson's return BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

SHEFFIELD Wednesday confootball yesterday when they announced the appointment of Ron Atkinson as their manager for the remainder of the season. "I wanted a very experienced manager and I wanted that man to have the right credentials, and Ron has got them," David Richards, the chairman, said. "Ron has a contract until the end of the season. Sheffield Wednesday will then look at the long-term effects and see whether he is the man to take us forward after that."

Atkinson, 58, who described his appointment as "a major thallenge", first managed Wednesday in 1989 after spells in charge of Cambridge Unifed. West Bromwich Albion and Manchester United, but was unable to prevent their relegation from the old first division at the end of the 1989 90 campaign. He led them back to the top division the following season, adding the 1091 League Cup for good measure with a 1-0 victory ever Manchester United at Wembley. He angered Wednesday supporters, though, by leaving the club to become manager of Aston Villa in July

of that year. However, Atkinson is optimistic that that resentment honest, when I left I had more appealed for them to give we can't finish in a respectable positive letters than negative Atkinson a second chance. position," Atkinson said.



Atkinson is relishing the challenge at Hillsborough

ones from Wednesday fans thanking me for what I had done," he said. "It was an awkward situation then and I fully appreciate it now. But the impression I have been given is that there has been a big groundswell of opinion to-wards me coming back. If there hadn't, then it wouldn't

have been worth it." Richards claimed that a poll of supporters on the Internet had indicated an "unbelievable" reaction in favour of Atkinson's return, but earlier. interviewed on Radio 4's has now died down. "To be Today programme, he had

"What happened in the past you've got to put behind you," Richards said. Atkinson is believed to have

been promised up to £10 million to spend on team strengthening, and is taking over a team that won their last match, against Bolton Wan-derers, 5-0 last Saturday their first game since the dismissal of David Pleat, the previous manager - a result that lifted Wednesday off the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership. "If the team applies itself as it did in the last game, there is no reason why

# sell his **Palace** stake

RON NOADES, who has controlled Crystal Palace for 17 years, has agreed to sell his majority stake in the South London club to Mark Goldberg, the software recruitment tycoon, for an estimated £10

million (Jason Nisse writes). The move means that plans for Palace to float on the stock market - which had been heavily hinted at by Noades earlier this year - will be put on hold.

Goldberg, who has a personal fortune of more than £30 million, joined the Palace board in August and has an option to buy the club at any time until February. For the time being, however, Noades will continue to run the club on a day-to-day basis.

The move has been on the cards for the past few months as Goldberg has become increasingly involved in the finances of the club. He has been involved in transfer negotiations for Palace and is understood to have put up the money for the £3.5 million purchase of Atillio Lombardo, the Italy international, who was bought by Palace in the

close season. Palace can now complete the signing of Michele Padovano, the Juventus striker, for a reputed £1.71 million. It is believed that Goldberg financed this purchase.

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# threat to Forest IT MAY have have escaped general notice but, as well as

Cottee can pose

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

the FA Cup first round and a sprinkling of international fixtures, there is, for once, a full Saturday programme of matches in the Nationwide league first division. None of the contenders are

in direct opposition, but several face tricky-looking encounters: Swindon Town, the leaders, visit Stockport County, whose position in the top half of the table has raised a few eyebrows, while two Midlands derby meetings could cause problems for highly-placed teams.
Third-placed West Brom-

wich Albion go to Port Vale, who are seventh, without Kevin Kilbane; unchanged Nottingham Forest, in second place, receive Birmingham City, who are, according to Trevor Francis, the manager, playing better than during their long unbeaten run at the end of last season, and give a debut to Tony Cottee, signed on loan from Leicester City. Other debutants include

Wayne Allison, for Huddersfield Town at home to Reading; David Johnson, who has moved from Bury to Ipswich Town for £800,000 plus Chris Swailes and plays at Molineux against Wolverhampton Wanderers, who could be without Steve Bull (injured knee) for up to two months, and Craig Russell, who is expected to Cameroon,

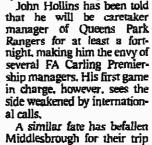


against fourth-placed Shef-field United at Bramall Lane. This club is not going to be down the bottom of the table for long," Russell, signed from Sunderland this week, said. United expect Simon Tracey, the goalkeeper, to have recov-ered from a head injury sustained in a collision with a goalpost in the draw away to Ipswich last Sunday.

that he will be caretaker manager of Queens Park Rangers for at least a fortnight, making him the envy of several FA Carling Premiership managers. His first game in charge, however, sees the side weakened by internation-

Middlesbrough for their trip to Norwich City. Bryan Robson, the manager, is resigned to being without Andy Townsend, who is in Belgium on World Cup duty with Ireland, but has contacted Glenn Hoddle with a view to the England manager releasing Paul Merson if the player is not required against





quality for finals in France 1998

# FOOTBALL SATURDAY

# Straight talk should help not hinder the refereeing debate

something I have always regarded as an enjoyable. as well as an important, part of life as a footballer. Hence this column. I have always been perhaps a little too honest for my own good on occasions, but that is because I believe that issues should be addressed. Opinions spice up the

The relationship between players and press is a delicate one, though, and particularly so for foreign players who might be unsure of the language or the different agendas of those they speak to, and I am learning fast about the different extremes of the English media. There has been one incident already this season

against Arsenal I spoke to a couple of tabloid newspaper reporters. Although I accepted the booking for a tackle on Dennis Bergkamp, I said that the Dutchman was sometimes guilty of conning the referee, a point I believed was fair at the time. Cheating was the word I used, so I was shocked the next day when I picked up a paper to read a huge headline using an offensive word, attributed to me,

tion, but it shows that you cannot be too careful. Players have to be wary about what they say and the point was emphasised again recently when I talked in my last column about the

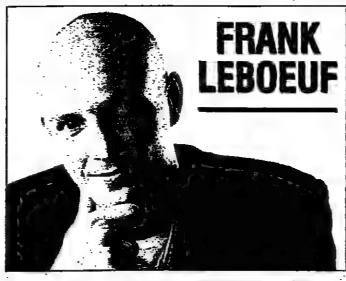
that sounded rather like it. Maybe

it was just my French pronuncia-

time professionals. Michael Henderson, a colleague on The Times, misinterpreted my comment as disparaging officials, but nothing could be farther from the truth.

I have every sympathy with them and was trying to argue that they need proper funding, whether we are talking about English, French or Italian referees. How can they be expected to make splitsecond decisions on which so much depends when they have spent the week working away from

During Le Tournoi last sum mer, my international colleague, Laurent Blanc, and I were asked to eit down with all the referees in France and discuss how things



could be improved. It was a very worthwhile meeting. We should have something similar over here.

■ Blane prospect

NAS reunited with Laurent this week when I was recalled to the French squad for the game against Scotland in Saint-Etienne on Wednesday evening. It was a great feeling to be back among the boys

who have now christened me "The

Englishman". But it struck me

that, so far, the French public has given every sign of being underwhelmed by the prospect of staging the World Cup in the

As a nation, we do not have anything like the English passion for football. One of the main reasons behind my move to Chelsea, and why several of the French squad (whose names I had better protect!) have been asking me to put in a good word for them over

here. At clubs such as Monaco and Cannes, you can regularly play in front of just 5,000 spectators and it takes a big game to get the crowd really excited.

That is why the tournament organisers have ensured that France's first game in June is in Marseilles, rather than Paris. because that is traditionally where the atmosphere is at its best for the

national side. While not having to qualify takes away the tension that gripped Eng-land for months, the problem is that Two years of friend-

lies is not easy on the players or supporters, a point proved in the 2-1 victory over Scotland on Wednesday, when I was a substitute.

The crowd whistled us off at the end and I suppose their disap-pointment was understandable because it was a poor game on a very hard pitch that made good football difficult. But the supporters in France can be very demanding and they seem to think we should be able to play like Brazil all the time. If we don't, they let us

know. I am sure the lethargy will disappear once the competition commences and, while it is hard to gauge, I do believe we have players capable of winning the World Cup.

I just hope I can make it into the squad, although i do not believe this will be my last chance. I am confident that the best years are ahead of me as a

Two years of game later than others and, in fact, friendlies is spent the early years of my career not easy on as a labourer and sportswear salesplayers or man. I was released by Toulon and it supporters' took me two years

to find another club, working my way up through amateur football. My father even put an advertisement in a soccer magazine for me.

That has taught me patience and I believe it is being rewarded now. Things are going well for me at Chelsea and, provided that stays the same, hopefully I will be in Aimé Jacquet's thinking when the

□ Next week: Steve McManaman

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# Matt Dickinson prepares to join in a World Cup party as Jamaica attempt to put Caribbean football on the map

# Moment of truth on island of dreams

THEY tell the time by the sunsets in this lazy land of reggae and rum, but when the clock strikes two in Jamaica tomorrow afternoon, for 90 minutes they will be fretting over every second. With the bustling streets of Kingston deserted, the bars packed and 80,000 fans trying to cram into the 40,000will be on the Reggae Boyz. the the size of Wales, with a population island's football of 2,300,000 and

island's football team, who need only draw against Mexico to become the World Cup's most unlikely, but surely best-loved, finalists. Beware all the

shooting if we win," one taxi driver warned, so heaven help the consequences should his side lose and be overtaken on goal difference by El Sal-vador, who must beat the United States. A country that once launched a

full-scale war against Honduras the day after a tempestuous World Cup qualifying match, the El Salvadorans proved that they still subscribe to the Shankly maxim that football is more important than life or death when Jamaica drew 2-2 there on Sunday to set up

Kept awake in their hotel until 3am on the eve of the game by a baying mob, the Jamaicans ran onto the pitch to be met by a witchdoctor and effigies being slashed to pieces by a crazed swordsman. Their sprint to the sanctuary of the dressing-room was through a hail of stones. bottles and urine-filled containers. Now they are back in the safety of their home ground, where the first batch of tickets was sold within minutes. Thousands are expected to sleep outside the stadium tonight in the hope of scavanging a seat for the biggest party since indepen-

> no organised, fulltime professional

The Jamaica team was forced to flee its Kingston base this week, when more than 2,000 supporters turned training into an all-day bonding session, but the seclusion of a north-coast resort has done little to shield them from the mounting expectations of captivated

Yet this is a land

that has never fication before and did not bother entering a team for the 1974, 1982 and 1986 tournaments. Even the bobsleigh team was taken more seriously than its soc-

country.

Thousands of

supporters are

expected to sleep

every minute. But football? The nearest they came to celebrations was when John Barnes, whose father once worked for the Jamaican FA, returned on holiday. Now the squad is revelling in the

status of national heroes, none

more so than Deon Burton, who

hardly cuts a celebrity figure with

Derby County, where his FA Carl-

outside the players. Sprinters? The stadium tonight very best. Cricket-ers? One born

Kingston will come to a halt tomorrow as the lucky 40,000 with tickets for the final qualifying game cheer their team against Mexico and on towards France

ing Premiership career is largely restricted to the bench. After goals in the past four qualifying matches. the young striker would stand a decent chance if he stood for Prime

The remarkable transformation has been the three-year master plan of the Brazilian coach. Rene Simoes. Almost single-handed, he has overhauled an entire sporting culture. Formerly coach of the Brazil Under-20 team. Simoes painstakingly stores strategies and players' records on a laptop computer. This idea that Brazilians learn everything on the beach is rubbish," he said. He also shares a football philosophy with Jack

Charlton, recruiting reinforcements to build on Jamaica's slim raw marerial. Turning to the offspring of a generation of emigrants, the luring of Burton, Paul Portsmouth, and Robbie Earle, of Wimbledon, has proved an unqualified success. "When I came here, the Jamaican players were like 11 seals with the ball on their noses plenty of tricks, but no teamwork," Simoes said. "Many of them were

amateurs, driving taxis and working in hotels. Now they have corporate sponsorship and train

like professionals. "I was worried about bringing in players from outside the island because some of them could not even point to Jamaica on a map. I told the local players they must say if it did not work. But they have all gelled beautifully. Now the English have become Jamaicans. They have started to speak like Jamai cansi even dance like Jamaicans. There are no favours for anyone. They eat the same, drink the same

and breath the same air." The team headquarters in Kingston are more like barracks than Burnham Beeches, with the players crammed into bunk beds in dormitories and queuing for one tele-phone. While their clubs have griped about players swanning off for weeks at a time, for the likes of Earle, the Jamaican experience has been unforgettable and rewarding, regardless of the outcome of the match tomorrow.

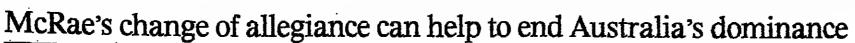
"I was actually embarrassed when I first turned up and saw some of the ball skills of the boys," the midfield player, who is likely to be on the bench against Mexico, said. "Even the goalkeepers prac-tise juggling the ball for hours. It is frightening to think what some of them could do in the Premiership given the chance."

None has enjoyed the road to France more than Burton, who travelled to Jamaica in the summer with his former Portsmouth teammates. Hall and Simpson, with no bigger plan than to have a holiday and keep fit. Invited to join in training with the national side, he now spearheads a team on the brink of history. "I took some stick at Derby at first, but if we qualify I will be turning up at training next week dressed from head to toe in

my Jamaica gear," he said. Borrowing a phrase from Bob Marley. Burton was given the nickname One Love after he scored the only goal in the victory over Costa Rica. Against Mexico, who thrashed Jamaica 6-0 in the Azteca Stadium before the arrival of the English players, 1-1 will do. Then it will be off to France for the Reggae Boyz. Prepare for a party.







# Britain bank on inside help

By Christopher Irvine

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 $C^{*}(X) = \mathcal{L}(X) \bigoplus_{i \in X} C^{*}(X)$ 11.41.22 HAVING been part of the coaching set-up that master-minded Australia's seriessecuring victories there in 1990 and 1994, Shaun McRae will hope to experience similar emotions at Elland Road tomorrow, but this time from his place on the Great Britain

Now the Britain technical coach. McRae will have been able to give an illuminating insight into Australia's preparations. It must be hoped that he will not have undermined the self-belief that those now in his care require if they are to end the touring team's stranglehold on success, with victories in 11 rugby league series since Britain's last triumph in

For a fourth successive time, the score is 1-1 going into the final match and, according to McRae, the sudden-death nature of the occasion will galvanise Australia. "They'll have prepared immaculately, chance," he said. With Britain having won the second match in the series, Australia will have been "hit with a stimulus which makes them doubly dangerous", he said. They'll be thinking: These guys are better than we thought."

'Australia will lift a gear, no doubt, and that's where Britain have to be very guarded. Britain must respond by raising their game and that's what's been questionable in the past. I believe these guys can do it. If they play like they did last Saturday, which was terrific, it would probably not be enough to win, so the onus is on us to improve again.

The momentum of winning the last Test is an advantage only up to a point. Frankly, it's easier to prepare a team that's been beaten. It's the way players respond when they're challenged. Australians are notoriously good at-bouncing back. You have to delve into the history books [to discover) when Australia last lost twice in a row." France, in 1978, is the answer.

Not that he has plans to apply for a British passport. but a home victory would delight McRae. The appoint-ment of the St Fielens toach, 37, as assistant to Andy Goodway — "it's the small but crucial things that he will tapped into his expertise with Australia over five years and with New Zealand during the

1995 World Cup. A few people in this country questioned what an Austrahan was doing in the Britain camp. As John Lang, the Australia coach, said, how could any Australian possibly complain when an Englishman (Terry Venables) is in charge of Australia's football team? Mckae's inside know ledge alone was too valuable



McRae, the Britain technical coach, believes that his former charges will be at their most dangerous in the decisive match at Elland Road tomorrow

### for Britain too ignore and what he calls "a hombling Millward the inspiration honour" will extend to the World Cup in the southern

THERE are parallels between the present series and 1970, when Great Britain last won the Ashes (Christopher Irvine writes). Australia, as they did at Wembley two weeks ago, won the opening match easily, 37-15, at Lang Park. Brisbane, when Britain were again written off.

As occurred at Old Trafford last week Britain's response was an abrasive, resolute performance in wirming 28-7 at Sydney Cricket Ground. Roger Millward scored two tries and the little stand-off half's seven goals equalled the record individual points tally of Lewis Jones (1954) against Australia.

"The word they used for us after the first game was 'rubbish'," Millward said. "Like the corrent side, we were young, spirited, commit-ted and eager to atone, and those qualities kept sputting us on."

The last of five tries in the final match in Sydney were scored by Millward in a 21-17 victory that has remained Britain's last reference point for Ashes glory. The last home series win was in 1959.

summer. McRae, like most results." he said. "There's no other British-based coaches, question that at club level, suffered humiliations in the Australia, with the levels of facilities, funding, interest and world club championship. In the immediate aftermath, depths of talent, are some way these caused him to think ahead, but when it comes to about his job, but did not the greater scope for improveconvince him that, at internament caused by picking Britain's top 20 players against their top 20, the gap signifi-cantly narrows." tional level. Britain was neces-

"I've maintained that we It is no surprise to McRae shouldn't read too much into that Australia are banking on the world club championship

experience. Four of their side won the Ashes at Elland Road three years ago, including Laurie Daley, the captain, talisman and prime motivator. "Experience helps," Daley said, "but our younger guys have also been given a terrific challenge. They are good players and good players stand up

Only three of the Britain

and be counted on the day it

side were born when the Ashes were last won. If famil-

iar feelings are to be avoided at Elland Road in front of a capacity crowd, Britain must retain their belief and maintain concentration. Too many showdowns have been lost to avoid the suspicion that, if not this time, Australia may not be beaten in a series again for another 27 years.

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### TRIATHLON

# Lessing is ready to prove his point

THIS being a heavy week for British-Australian rivalry, it is timely that the annual triathlon world championships are being staged in Perth tomorrow. Greg Rusedski lost to Patrick Rafter on Tuesday in the ATP world tennis championship and, in rugby, Australia are favoured to defeat England at union and Great Britain at league this weekend. At least

in Britain's favour. Simon Lessing is one Briton against a six-pack of Australian contenders to win the men's race, which should be one Briton too many for the host nation. Though numbers and home support may be against him, Lessing starts as clear favourite.

Australia, collectively the world's strongest nation, has not held the men's individual Olympic distance world title since Miles Stewart's victory in 1991, since when it has been in British hands, Lessing is seeking his third title in succession, his fourth in all He won it first in 1992 after which Spencer Smith. who is not competing in Perth, kept the British (lag flying with victories in 1993 and 1994.

Two weeks ago Lessing lost his unbeaten record for the year, but he returned to winning form last weekend. He is driven to win tomorrow not only by the title and Aus \$20,000 (about £8,700) first prize, but also by political forces. The championships belong to the International Triathlon Union (ITU), with which Lessing is in dispute over rules governing advertising restrictions.

Lessing has competed in only one TTU World Cup race this season, and then only because he needed the points to qualify to defend his world title. While the ITU publicity machine has been promoting World Cup athletes, Lessing's international profile has fallen under the wheel. He did not compete for six weeks after winning the London Triathlon in mid-September.

"Winning here would prove a point with all the political strile we have had." Lessing said. "There are certain athshadowed by the ITU and its World Cup series."

The first Olympic triathlon will be staged at Sydney 2000.Brad Beven and Greg Welch, both of Australia, are among Lessing's main challengers tomorrow, but he is determined to stay world No 1 for a few years yet. "I would like to be considered the man to best come the Olympics." he said.

CRICKET

# Lewis goes back to Grace Road

By RUCHARD HOSSON

CHRIS LEWIS, the most frustrating all-rounder of his generation, has returned to Lei-cestershire, his first county, on a five-year contract and is likely to succeed James Whitaker as captain around the turn of the century.

Lewis left Grace Road six years ago to join, as he said, "a more fashionable county. Although he produced the best form of his county career in shire, he was allowed to leave because he wanted to be closer to his family in London, He helped Surrey to win the Sunday league and the Ben-son and Hedges Cup, but says that he rejected the offer of a fresh two-year contract to further his captaincy ambitions.

Lewis, 29, said: "I have some ideas and theories that I want to test and, at Leicester, the opportunity is there potentially to do that. I do not think that in two or three years' time there will be a different captain at the Oval." Leicestershire, yet to appoint a vicecaptain for next season, will call upon Lewis to assist with their youth coaching pro-

He made the last of his 32 Test appearances against Pakistan in 1996, but was dropped after arriving late at the Oval. England offered the first evidence that he has served his sentence by selecting him for the recent Cricket Max tour of New Zealand. "I have to be optimistic." he said. "If I did not think I was capable of playing Test cricket again it would only be a short time before I retired."

Middlesex have signed Justin Langer, the Australia lefthanded batsman, as their overseas player for 1998. Langer, 26, from Western Austra lia, has played eight Tests and replaces Jacques Kallis, who is expected to be in the South Africa squad to tour England.

A one-day international between Australia and South Africa next month may be affected by strike action by

Australia players after pay negotiations between the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) and the players' union broke down in Melbourne yesterday. Tim May, the president of the Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA), said that the match mentioned as a target was scheduled for Sydney on December 4.

Pakistan have dropped Wagar Younis, the fast bowier, for the first of a three-Test series against West Indies in Peshawar that starts on

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hemisphere next autumn. So how can Britain defy recent history? When Austra-

ha lost the first matches at

Wembley in 1990 and 1994,

there was a vow made on the boach from the stadium that it would not happen again." McRae said. "Australia have

always been a team that will

say something and back it up

with action. Britain's response

is straightforward. It's wheth-

er the players can do it on the

"We have to be more techni-

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we've mainly worked on this week. We felt at Old Trafford

that we had chances for more

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TOMORROW

FOOTBALL kick-off 3.0 unique stated **Pirst round** 

' RUGBY LEAGUE British Gas Series Third international match Great Britain v Australia

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SIN ALLIANCE COLTS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-limite Checkine v Gaucestershire (at Saint, 1.20); East Miclands (at North-Ampton, 2.30); North Miclands v Yorkshire (at Strutbridge, 2.0); Saintsy v Buckanghernshire (at Sution and Epsom, 2.0). HOCKEY EHA MEN'S CUP: Fourth round: Bromley v Beddon (at Priory Leisure Centre, Opington, 1:0); Cannock v Harleston, 1:0); Cannock v Harleston, 1:00; Candon (at Polo Farm, 2:0; Chichester v Sheffield (at Kingsham Fields,

1.0); Doncaster v Bournemouth (at Bernethorpe, 2.30); East Consisted v Reading (at Saint Hill, 2.30); Hampelsand and Westminster v Cambridge City (at Paddington Recreation Ground, noon); Hamogate v Stourport (at Rioteast Sports Camre, 2.0); Hourslow v Statistion (at Dukes Meadow, 2.0), Iswards v Oxford Hewits (at Tucktertam Road, 1.30); Norton v Statistion (at Dukes Meadow, 2.0), Invalid to Chinghold (at Tucktertam Poed, 1.30); Norton v Statistion (at Tucktertam Poed, 1.30); Norton v Statistion (at Chinge), 2.0); Robinson's v Fersham (at Portsmouth Road, Thamman Disport, 10); Old Loughtensens v Peterborough Town (at Chinge), 2.0); Robinson's v Bernord Tigers (at Withywood School, 1.0); Sputhgete v Teddington (at Trent Park, 1.30), Winchester v Spalding (at Perins School, Alessford, noon).

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steed (at Formby CC, noon): Leicester v St.
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Lock Lane v Weiney Central (2:0); Mayfield v Askam (2:0); Cothern St. Armes v Bevsiley (2:0); Wholston v Seddiewarth (2:30); Peagoned: Egramont v Leigh M. First division: East Leads v Surfeeph (2:0); Eastmoor v Blackbrook (2:30); Leigh East v Moldgrean (2:0); Milliond v Thornial (2:30); Rednill v Outlon (2:0); Shaw Cross v Milliom (2:0); Peaghal v Outlon (2:0); Shaw Cross v Milliom (2:0); Peaghand: East Leads v Barnov Island. Second division: Crosflets v London Students (2:0); Dodkorth v Overden (2:0); Hall Cockers v York Acom (2:0); New Earswick v Devision (2:0); Siddel v Erdes (2:0).

MATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Berford Tigers v Old Loughtonisms (et Aharmed Community Centre, Westell, noon), Beeston v Reading (at Highfields, Noting), non, 1,20); Certenbury v Teddington (at Plub Farm, 2.0), East Grinstead v Carmock (at Samt Hill, 2.0); Guhdlord v Soutingste (at Plub Farm, 2.0); East Grinstead v Carmock (at Samt Hill, 2.0); Guhdlord v Soutingste (at Kings, Menor School, noon), Hourslow v Donoaster (at Dukes Meadow, 1,30); Fred division: Bournville v Warmigton (at King Edward's Girls School, Birmingham, 2,30). Bromley v Harleston Meapoes (at Prony Leisure Centre, Orprogon, noon), Cheimsford v Soutport (at Cheimer Palk, 2,15); Freibrands v Brooklands (at Longwood, Bristol 1,70), Glouzester City v Oxford University (at Plock Coun, 1,30), Hampatead and Wespininster v Hull (at Paddington Recreation Ground, 20); Harvant v Blueferts (at Hawari College, 7,45); Loughborough Students v Lewes (at Loughborough University, noon), Oxford Hawke, v Surbton (at Berbury, Road, 1,0), Sheffield v Issa (at Abbeydste Pash, noon), St Albens v Indian Gymilians (at Carmon, St Albens v Indian Gymilians) (at Labylian Carmon, St Albens v Indian Gymilians) (at Carmon, St Albens v Indian Gymilians)

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# Sparky Gayle carries confident vote

THERE is no profit to be made from the obvious, according to the sages of the betting ring. Maybe, but at Cheltenham today, punters should put such thoughts behind them and back Sparky Gayle with confidence to win the Murphy's Gold Cup.

Not only was the Colin Parker-trained seven-year-old unbeaten in six starts over looked like spoiling the unblemished start to his chasing career - and looks thrown in off 10st 2lb for the traditional curtain-raiser to the "real" jumping season today. Significantly, Sparky Gayle

won the Cathcart Chase in

### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TURNPOLE (4.05 Cheltenham) Next best: Sparky Gayle

Nap: SPENDLD (4.00 Cheltenham tomorrow) Next best: Alzulu (2.50 Cheltenham tomorrow)

March and good Festival form has been an invaluable pointer to finding the winner of today's event in recent years. A natural talent over fences

from the moment he was first schooled at Parker's yard in the Dumfriesshire hills, Sparky Gayle has already achieved enough to persuade some shrewd judges that he could be the first horse trained in Scotland to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup - for which he

If that dream is to be realised, then Sparky Gayle must win with authority today. He has won first time out for the last two seasons and, after an impressive workout last Saturday. Parker is in no



Mr Mulligan, who will be looking to defend his Cheltenham Gold Cup crown in March, runs in the Sean Graham Chase at Ayr today

enough to do himself justice. Indeed, the former head lad to Gordon Richards, who took out a training licence 14 seasons ago, would not have contemplated making the long journey south unless he was satisfied that the horse was 100 per cent ready to give of

The smallest field since 1983 means Sparky Gayle faces only eight rivals. Dublin Flyer, winner of this race two years ago, loves this course

younger and his trainer, Tim Forster, hinted earlier this week that his best days may be

Undoubtedly the biggest threat to Sparky Gayle is posed by Challenger Du Luc, the winner 12 months ago. He subsequently linished lifth in the Gold Cup after arguably

failing to stay.
Significantly, Martin Pipe believes his seven-year-old who has been laid out for this race - is on a decent handicap mark. "He really is bubbling."

Graham Handicap Chase, the the in-form champion trainer said yesterday. feature race at Ayr (2.45), the way should be clear for Mr

The progressive Bertone will not be inconvenienced by returning to an extended 25 miles after just seeing out three miles at Ascot two weeks ago, but his best form is on faster ground. Of the remainder, Potter's Bay could sneak into the frame at decent odds despite being well out of the

With Sparky Gayle heading south rather than remaining Scotland for the Sean

Wincanton 23 days ago. Last season's Cheltenham Gold Cup winner will be partnered by Richard Dunwoody, who looks poised for a bumper day. He partners Edelweis Du Moulin, who was far better over hurdles than his rivals in the novice chase (1.35). Gordon Richards

Mulligan to step up on a

promising reappearance over

inadequate trip at

believes the five-year-old will make up into a "super chaser" and a clear round should see him open his account over

Lennie Lungo has made a good start to the season and Out On A Promise looks capable of defying 12 stone in the finale at the Scottish track (3.50). The top weight is reasonably treated judged on his best form last season, notably on his last start at Market Rasen, and looks capable of

# Circus Star can use experience to good effect

**CHELTENHAM** CHANNEL 4

2.20: After winning decent bumpers at Sandown and Newbury, Mr Markham recorded an even better effort when fifth in the Festival bumper. Josh Gifford's runner would probably have been placed but for being hampered. The five-year-old has schooled well at home and is regarded as an exciting prospect. However, experience could count for a lot here and Circus Star gets the vote. Runner-up in the Triumph Hurdle last season, he lost his novice tag over course and distance 18 days ago, despite a couple of jumping errors. A faster pace here will suit him.

2.55: see left

3.30: Coome Hill is only 90 per cent fit and will be better for the run, according to his trainer, Walter Dennis. Celtic Abbey, winner of the Horse and Hound Cup last season, looks well handicapped and is being aimed at the Hennessy, but was late back into training and may need this. Banjo has had his problems, while Flyer's Nap usually needs his first out-ing. Incheailloch should go well after a promising reappearance behind Bertone at Ascot, but would prefer faster ground. The ground will be ideal for What A Hand, third in the Foxhunters' at Cheltenham last March.

4.05: With Tilty and Haile Derring both liking to force the pace, the ability to see out this 34-mile trip will be essential and nothing makes more appeal than Turapole. the recent Cesarewitch winner. His hurdling was sketchy last season, although he has been brilliant at home. Provided he jumps well, top weight should not prevent him winning. Young Kenny looked an above-average staying novice last term when winning three times, including a grade two race at Chepstow.

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### CHELTENHAM TOMORROW CHANNEL 4

1.40: The French Furze, a winner in Ireland, was able to walk over the line after cruising away from a modest field at Plumpton on his first start for Martin Pipe. It is not difficult to imagine him giving the weight away, but Keeping The Faith arrives with the reputation of a nice filly. She stayed on well to

win her first race over timber at Navan, with both her fellow raiders today held. Kilbride Lad, placed in listed company on the Flat, has

2.15: Space Trucker won the big hurdle on this card last year, and also ran a blinder here at the Festival, when third in the Champion Hurdie. But he must now prove himself over fences, whereas Ashwell Boy and Direct Route have already taken to their new career with zest. Ashwell Boy has achieved more, but his confidence may have taken a knock when falling two out at Chepstow last week. Direct Route only had a school round to win a weak race ut Wetherby, but he jumped like a natural.

2.50: Native-Darrig. useful under both codes, had a respiratory infection when disappointing in a competitive race at Tipperary last time and, along with Dromineer, gives the Irish intriguing possibilities. Chai-Yo will be backed, while Secret Spring is one to keep an eye on this season. But two former novices who could bring a touch of class to proceedings are Alzulu and Desert Mountain. Disallowed's jumping was eventually her literal downfall at Wetherby, but Desert Mountain nonetheless romped home in the style of an improved horse - and the second, Noble Colours, won easily here yesterday.

3.25: The Reverend Bert shaped well on his reappearance, while Beatson could go not let himself down on the firm ground at Chepstow, before running prominently for a long way at Plumpton last time. But Tell The Nipper has the touch of class his big weight merits. He was a close third after making a mistake two out over three miles at Wexford last time, having previously won a competitive contest

CHRIS McGrath

over this trip at Listowel.

## **CHELTENHAM**

1.10 Torch Vert 1.45 Tullymurry Toff 2.65 Sparky Gayle 4,05 YOUNG KENNY (nap)

Timekeeper's top rating: 4.05 YOUNG KENNY.

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## 1.45 WADWORTH BX NOVICES CHASE

1.10 Bramblehill Duke

(£3,615, 2m 5f) (8 runners)

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.50 KERAWI.

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TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

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NEEPING-THE FAITH won in good style at Navan and can see suf a week home defence

3.25 TELL THE NIPPER (nap)

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### 2.20 MACKESON NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II £9,170. 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

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### 2.55 NURPHY'S GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE

(Grade III £37,690. 2m 4l 110yd) (9 runners) 

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ASHAMELL BOY is worth the chance to atone for his Chepstow mishap

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2.50 MURPHY'S DRAUGHTFLOW HANDICAP HURDLE

(\$29,271, 2m 110yd) (17 runners)

### 3.30 FLOWERS ORIGINAL HANDICAP CHASE (£10,182: 3m 3f 110yd) (6 runners)

1996: EVANGELICA 6-10-0 A P McCoy (13-8 tax) M Pipe 4 res

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### 4.05 BODDINGTONS GOLD HANDICAP HURDLE

(26, 97U: SIT 2) (T3 FURREDIE 29F (6, 5) (Mr & Mrs. W Wilsons) Mrs. M Reveiry 6-12-0 P Neven 110 Str. 101144- MALE DERRING 234 (D.F.G.S.) (Mrs. V Stockede) Mr - Davis, 7-11-4 C Devellyn 100 Str. 131:F0-1 SYSART 37 (B.D.F.S.) (Mrs. V Stockede) M Filipe 8-11-3 A P McCoy 80 Str. 131:F0-1 SYSART 37 (B.D.F.S.) (Mrs. Cabbod) M Fige 8-11-3 A P McCoy 80 Str. 10-1 Str. 170 FATHER SKY 14 (B.C.D.F.G.) (K strend) P Stramond 6-11-2 A Cabbonel - 20 21:1103- YOUNG KERNY 205 (D.G.S.) (Mrs. 10) P Stramond 6-11-1 A Stramond 5-11-1 A Stramond 111-1 A STRAMON MARKHTON 25 (C.D.G.S.) Mrs. P Dutled 7-10-9 P Heatley (3) 100 Str. 171-1 A STRAMON MARKHTON 25 (C.D.G.S.) Mrs. P Dutled 11-10-3 P Prevent 13-10-0 P Heatley (3) 100 Str. 171-1 A STRAMON MARKHTON 25 (C.D.G.S.) Mrs. P Dutled 11-10-3 P Prevent 13-10-0 P Heatley (3) 100 Str. 171-1 A STRAMON MRS. Mrs. 171-1 A STRAMON MRS. 171-1 A

SETTING, 3-1 Tumpole, 4-1 Haile Demog. Gyszt., 13-2 Spring Massibox, 7-1 Young Kasto, Lough Yully, 10-1 Pagestinad, 12-1 offers. 1996: VICTOR BRAND 9-10-6 C Lieuwilyn (15-8) N Geselos 4 Rito

FORM FOCUS

Tempole 2½/1 2nd of 10 to Celestral Choir in handicarp hardle at hexcastle (2m 41, good) Haite Derring 111 4th of 7 to Tribune in handicarp hardle at Astool (3m, good) Gysart heat Harne Of Our Father 1¼/1 m 5-numer bandicap hardle at Listines (3m 21 110/4 6 mm) Young Kenny 247 370 of 13 to Lagen Bridge in novice hurdle at Perth (3m 110yd, good) Spring Marathon heat San Giorgio ½/1 in 7-numer conditional jockeys blandicap hurdle at Heutengolo (3m 2) good) Lough Tully 51 2nd of 8 to Talla Force in handicap hurdle at Chestow (2m 41 110yd, good) Pleasuretand 31 2nd of 4 to Dacaycian at handicap hurdle at Chesten (2m 45 110yd, good) Pleasuretand 31 2nd of 4 to Dacaycian at handicap hurdle at Chesten (2m 45 110yd, good) Pleasuretand 31 2nd of 4 to Dacaycian at handicap hurdle at Chesten (2m 45 110yd, good) Pleasuretand 31 2nd of 4 to Dacaycian at handicap hurdle at Chesten (2m 45 110yd, good) Pleasuretand 31 2nd of 4 to Dacaycian at handicap hurdle at Chesten (2m 45 110yd, good) Pleasuretand 31 2nd of 4 to Dacaycian at handicap hurdle at Chesten (2m 45 110yd, good) Pleasuretand 31 2nd of 4 to Dacaycian at handicap hurdle at Chesten (2m 45 110yd, good) Pleasuretand 31 2nd of 4 to Dacaycian at handicap hurdle at hurdle at

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### 3.25 FOOD BROKERS HANDICAP CHASE (£6,908: 2m 4f 110yd) (8 runners)

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Tell The Napor 2t 3rd of 11 to Ryhane in bandicap chase at Wedord (3m. good in famt). Foodbroker Star 55t 6th of 14 to Cyborgo in novice chase at Chepdow (3m. good in soit). The Reverend Bert 15t 5th of 9 to Edgemoor Princs in bandicap chase at Bangor (2m 4t 110yd, good) Beasach 18 5th of 11 to Back Operful in handicap chase at Penth (3m. good). Red Bean 18 2nd at 15 to 11 to Colone in One in morce chase at Penth (3m. good). Red Bean 18 2nd at 16 to Philips Woody in handicap chase at Sandown (2m 4t 110yd good). Format Feather 3tl 4th of 7 to Speanhead Again in redvice handicap chase at 8th sandocap chase at 8th sandoc

REVER UNSERION showed progressive form last season and will be hard to beat

### TUESDAY: Newton Abbot (1.00). Wetherby (1.10), Lingfield Park (AW. 1.20) 4.00 MANELINE SOLOCOMB CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,788: 2m 5l) (7 numers) | 601 | 0.131-1 | SPENDE 10 (D.O.S) (Mr. S Calherwood) D Nichelson 5-12-0 | R Territor 104 | 152965 | URGLE DOUG 30F (G.S) (D Saul) Mrs M Reminy 6-11-12 | G Lee 104 | 2514-12 | CASSIO'S BOY 22 (G.S) (Lymostal) Reminy 6-11-12 | R Standarder (S) 105 | CASSIO'S BOY 22 (G.S) (Lymostal) Reminy 6-16-19 | R Standarder (S) 105 | CASSIO'S COPE COL 22 (G.S) (R Lippy) B Bodder 7-10-9 | W Greater (S) 100 | CASSIO'S COPE COL 22 (G.S) (R Lippy) B Bodder 7-10-9 | G-10-10 | G-10-10 | R Missey 6-10-10 | R Missey 6-10-1 Long handicap: Copper Coll 9-13. Mess Peanyball 9-11, A S Jan 9-0

BETTING: 7-4 Spundin, 9-2 Cassor's Boy 5-1 None Stirred, 6-1 Lincke Doog, 7-1 A.S. Jim. 10-1 Copper Cell, 12-1 Mag Pernyhill. 1986: WORLD EXPRESS 6-10-6 D Safet (5-2) 8 Million 4 tax

CARLITO BRIGANTE, rumper up in the County Hundle best in March. can go one better ... TOMORROW'S OTHER MEETINGS: Ayr (first race, 12,20), Towcester (12,20).

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Cheltenham

loing: good

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1.15 (2m 11 ch) 1, Hillwelk (Mr R Wakley, 8-1), 2, Court Melody (5-2), 3, Pyr Four (9-1) James Pigg 6-4 lav 5 ran. 16, 26, H Curts 10te: \$2.90; \$2.20, \$1.50 DF £10 90 CSF £22.99

1.50 (2m 110yd hdie) 1, Nobia Colours (£ Calladran, 3-1); 2, Corne On Penny (10-1); 3, The Riying Doctor (5-1), Honey Tector 5-2 tav. 7 ran. 13, 11, 5 Griffiths, 10te: \$0.50 C2.50, \$3.50, \$3.50, 3.00 (3m 1) ch) 1, Yelsmi (M A Fitzgeräd, 2-1 Lavi; 2, Strong Cheuman (4-1); 3, Kendal Caveler (13-2) 6 nan. II, 181 J. Old Tote: 22.90; Ct 70, E1 80 DF-\$4.80. CSF-\$8 82.

2.54; (c) 77 (d) 1, Pilysevenchannels (K Whelsin, 7-2), 2, Penuan (20-1); 3, Market-place (33-7); Insh Starro 71-10 (av 13-ran, Nk, 134) E Bolger (ins) Tote: 24-20; 21 80, 23, 10, 26 30 DF 281 40 Tno. 5249 70 CSF 261 07. CSF 26: 07.
4.05 (2m. 110 of hole) 1, Taxtohev (A. Musqure, 9-4 law) 2, Courny Minstrel (20-1); 2, Lewister (8-1), 14 ran MR-Noble Torn 3L 154 (D. Necholson, Toler 290; E1 90, E5.40, E2 10 DF, E79 10 Thor 2371 30, CSF, 251 33, Tricust E311 55

Jackpot: £18,949,10 (0.98 warning teck-ets. Pool of £533,78 carried forward to Champion locary). Placepot: £536.00. Quadpot: £96.00.

Exeter Soing: good to soit Going: good to soft
1.30 (3m 11 110)d hdiel 1, Devon Peasant
(Mr L. Jeflord, 6-1); 2, Sol Music (33-1); 3,
Sursum: Cords (9-4 fav): 15 ran, NP:
Incerting Danger, 91, 41. L Cottel 1 fote:
27-40 £160, £4.50, £1.90 DF £706.80
Incr £192.81 CSF; £170.65.
2.00 (2m 11 110)d hdiel 1, Damas (3
Supple, 10-11 fav), 2, Pansian (10-1); 3,
Alice's Miror (6-1); 7 ran 40, 359 M Pipe
Tote \$1.60 £1.30 £3.50 DF; £7.10 CSF
£93.39
2.36 (2m 61 110)d hdiel 1, Abragen (4 Exect

2.35 (2m 6f 110)/d ch) 1. Abaverd (J Frost, evens lav); 2. Rectory Genden (5-4), 3, Hill Trans (7-1), 3 ran. NR Wee Windy 16l. dist R Frost Tone: £1-90 DF £1 10 CSF-£2.40

RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Leicester (first race, 12 50), Plumpton (1.00), Southwell (AW, 1 10)

WEDNESDAY: Haydock Park (1.10), Hereford (1.00), Kempton Park (1.20). THURSDAY: Sedgefield (1.10), War-wick (12.55), Wincanton (1.20). FRIDAY: Aintree (1 10), Ascot (BBC, 1 00), Wolverhampton (AW, 1 20) SATURDAY: Aintree (BBC, 1 05), Ascot (BBC, 12 45), Cahenck (1 00), Market Pasen (12.50)

Rat meetings in bold

BLINICERED FIRST TIME: Ayr. 100 Dealton Lad Chettenham: 1 10 Torch Vert. Windson: 1 40 Certain Surprise. Wolveshempton: 8 00 Forcing Bid 9 00 Super Gest 9 30 Big Pang

4.15 (2m 31 hdie) 1, Togins (P Hdie, 7-1); 2, 8eymourswif (18-1); 3 Chrison King (4-1), Fete The Passon 15-8 tax 8 tax 11, 44, Griftont Total State (200, 124,00, 123,00) DF: 135.20 CSF 128.98, Tricast 12489-48 Placenot: \$45.20. Quadoot: \$12.10. Southwell Going: slandard Carrier Sential 20 Sweensy, 12:1; 2, Zaiotio (5-1 land, 3, Trojan Hero (11-2), 4, E Warred (7-1) 16 car 11-1; 21, K Burke Tote (23:10 E 70, £1 50, £2 60, £1 90 DF: \$58.10, £57.0; £1 50, £2 60, £1 50, £1 50, £2 60, £1 50, £1 50, £2 60, £1 50, £1 50, £2 60, £1 50, £1 50, £2 60, £1 50 . 100. £21250 12.35 (60) 1. Rameey Hope (I. Charnock, 7-11; 2. Harnah's Usher (9-4 Lav), 3. Faysi 14-1), 18 ran. 19-1, rik. C. Faithurst Tote £10.50; £250; £130, £200 DF £1480. Tinc £17.00 CSF £27.53.

2.45 (2m 3l ch) 1. Donttaeverbenest (D Monts, 14-1), 2. Step On Eyre (5-1); 3. Dentes Causier (9-2), Headwind 5-4 lav 8 rar, 11, 2M R Curts, Toter (3-4); 5:320, \$1.30, \$1 60 DF £8 30, CSF £68 60

1.05 (5) 1. Sun Dancing (P Fessey, 5-1), 2. Allanta (7-4 tan), 3, Te Break (9-1) 13 tan 1'sl nk J Beny Tate: £7.40; £2.50, 21 60, £4.90. DF £9.00 Tho: £29.50 CSF £17.26 217-26 1-40 (691, The Heappy Fox (). Newton, 5-6 lash; 2, Ice Age (16-1), 3 Davis Rock (7-2, 15 ran, NR\* Ma Vielle Pouque () 11-18, McMahon Tote (150; £) 10, £2 80, £1 50, DR; £27 10 Tino £47,00 CSF £21 59.

221.59. 2.15 (7): 1, Pass De Memoires (D. Biggs. 7-41avi; 2, Smooth Princess (7-2); 3, Main Street (7-2), 11 cart. 91.11 M. Tompluns Totar (23.30-11.20, 21.80, 23.50 DF £4.80 Tino: £24.10 CSF £9.75 Tinoast £23.42 

Placepot: £28.20. Quadpot: £11.40.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Woman trainer's calm approach has produced a success-rate that is the envy of her National Hunt rivals

# Williams happy in her world

Talking

horse

like, to see a row of filthy horses poking their heads over the half-doors of their boxes? It felt like home, that's what it felt like. Back at the yard where my own beasts live, and me wondering precisely how much grooming I was going to bother with before I tacked up and got on with it.

Turn-out, horse people call it. Last season. People like myself. who keep horses simply because they like being with horses, always like to turn them out into a field for a good slice of their day, The horse is happier turned out than he is standing in his box all day, and there's an end to the

Racing yards are very different. They are resultoriented; there is no other option. If you are any good in racing, you start out with high hopes, and very quickly come to have high expectations. And part of

that involves keeping your horses fit and sound. What? Turn them out so they can run about crazily, and kick each other, and roll? It is not a risk worth considering.

But there was a chunky chestnut in the middle of his mad ten minutes, charging from one end of his paddock to the other, New Zealand rug aflap, as merry a horse as you could wish to see. And there in the boxes were all the muddy faces. And there were the horses being tacked up for second lot. Mud on their faces, and matted

dreadlocks. Well, obviously this was some half-cocked, amateurish outlit: some ramshackle back-woodsman involved in racing for a bit of fun. One of jump racing's archetypes, a "character", who even has the odd winner now and then. Except it wasn't it was the most successful yard in the country. In percentage terms, anyway.

Venetia Williams's strike-rate - percentage of winners to runners ~ was 287 per cent. from 115 runners. That beat Martin Pipe, David Nich-olson: everybody. So it made sense to pay a visit

to a new force in the sport. She has Celtic Abbey run-ning at Chelten-ham today and I expected to find a yard electric with I found nothing of the kind. The soothing quality of a racing yard? May as well talk

about the predict-

ability of horse-

racing, the cowarjockeys, the poverty of bookmakers. But all the same, that was what I found: a racing yard, an oasis of

"Good at it? I don't know that I am good at it?" And Williams laughed, as if amused at the very idea. "Perhaps last season was a flash in the pan." Calm trainers are in the same category as Mohammedan popes, but there I was, exchanging easy jokes with a trainer who exuded a positive aura of caim.

The dirty horse is not a whim or a



Williams takes a break while two of her charges are more strenuously engaged on the gallops at her stables near Hereford. Photograph: Huw Evans

easy, lobbing hand-canter up five

furlongs: the same back down

phy: that a horse is happiest when allowed to be a horse. And there-fore, the theory continues, more likely to stay sane and sound and healthy, and therefore more likely to win races.

Williams's horses graze, with their heads down, they move about, they socialise. In a small way, they have control over their lives: a limited autonomy.

Horsey people will often say they turn a horse out "so he knows he's a horse". Williams, maximising not much acreage, has divided two large fields into small paddocks, in which selected pairs of horses can scoff and frolic. The physiological arguments for this are convincing: the psychological ones irresistible, and last season's results say any thing more that needs to be said. At least, they do until the new

season starts in earnest. American

sports people talk about "the sophomore jinx", the failure of the promising rookie to train on. This is not quite Williams's second season; but it is the second season in which people are noticing her. Flash in the pan? We'll see.

She apologises, with only mild insincerity, for being unable to tell me that she had always been consumed by an ambition to be a top trainer. No, she had a much more modest target most of her adult life: to be top amateur rider, until she broke her neck in a fall at

Worcester. She was paralysed from the neck down. Only for a matter of minutes: but a few minutes like that stay with you forever. She left hospital two months later with a new focus.

It was a focus sharpened rather gradually. She worked with Pipe and Michael Dickinson, two al-

most disturbingly goal-driven men. responsiblity. Rather, you felt a before setting up on her own. The horses before us were working on their interval training; an

again. Easy chat with a group of owners, a lovely morning in the Wye valley. Kicking on into a big stretchy canter up the sharp in-cline. Lobbing back. Relaxed, contented horses, glowing and snorting in the autumn sun. Best time of year for anyone in jumping.

It is a nice operation, this: and there is almost no clue at all of the sleepy power behind it all, though there was just a bit of a hint when Williams gave me a lift to Worcester races. The sporty BMW is driven with more flair than patience; more decision than apology.

She is like no racing trainer I have met. There was so little sense

of power or triumph, or of weight of

2.25 altro floors classic handicap hurdle (£2,881. 3m 2l) (4)

5-6 Smith Ton. 5-2 Olympion, 7-2 Sharp Command, 25-1 Tour Lander

3.00 MACER OFFORD HANDICAP CHASE

1 845- 01 YMPPAN 200 (8,F.R) J Hende 10-11-10 J Culloly 2 P411 SARTH TDD 10 (F.G) Mes J Prome 9-11-10 R Farrant 3 -423 SARTH COMMAND 17 (F) F Eccle 4-11-5 M Derme (5) 4 -53P TOUR LEADER 7 (F.G) R Buckler 8-10-6 G Hogen (3)

trace of self-doubt: and the constant mastery of it. In fact, I did not feel as if I had been to a racing yard at

I was reminded more of the great female eventers, people like Lucin-da Green and Mary King. There was the same ease of manner, the same easy self-deprecation. The same feeling for horses as sentient creatures, as individuals.

Williams has gone beyond the early delights, when each winner is a heady and impossible triumph. The pressures of starting up are considerable: but the real pressure starts when winners are not hopes but serious expectations. "Instead of being wonderfully exciting, a winner is now — something of a relief, more than anything else." And the inevitable self-deprecating

these are not, in the main, the way goal-oriented males present themselves. Williams is not putting up a front intended to deceive. The truth of the matter is that self-doubt is a way in which some people are strong-minded. In their constant questioning of themselves and what they do, they are seeking real answers. More: they are seeking real perfection.

Perfection in racing is impossible. Perhaps the closest anyone gets to one hundred per cent perfection is around the 28.7 mark. And like the Red Queen, Williams knows that it takes all the running you can do to stay in the same place.

Advancing takes something more. Williams has something more, I suspect. If I had horses in training, I know which yard I'd send them to, if she'd have them, Regardless of tag: "Rather stupid, really," whether my prior Self-doubt, self-deprecation: whether my prior horses or winners. whether my priority was happy

# 1.00 Ibn Masirah. 1.35 Edelweis Du Moulin. 2.10 Bridle Path. 2.45 Mr. Muligan. 3.20 Real Tonic. 3.50 GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) 1.00 SEAN GRAHAM JUVENILE HOVICES HURBLE (3-Y-0: £2,262: 2m) (11 runners)

11-10 lan Maninh, 9-4 Court Tooy, 6-1 Eastern Project, 16-1 Warrier, 14-7 Zadis, 25-1 Danton Lad. San Francisco, Speculativa, 33-1 others.

1.35 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT WHISKY MOVICES CHARE (OLIMINET, E3.539, 2m) [5] 3 421/ MASTER BAVARD 770 (D.F.S) P Moments 9-11-0 A Dobbin 4 005- PRINCE OF SANTS 267 M Harrymod 6-11-0 ... R Sunity 5 123- WELSH MARCH 244P (S) 6 M Moon 5-11-0 ... J Calaghan

1-5 Edwinds Du Mouth, 7-1 Advance Stat, 10-1 Master Beams, 16-1 Prince Of Sures, 20-1 Marin March. 2.10 SEAN GRAHAM HANDICAP HURDLE

2.45 SEAN GRAHAM CHASE . (Limited handicap: £9,337: 3m 1f) (5) imited handleapt 29,537: 501 17 (a) 1 F1-2 MR MILLISAN 23 (BFF6.5) N Classos 9-11-12 R Dunwoody 2 641- BEACHY HEAD 282 (6.5.5) July 10-10-8 N McSrath 5) 136 3 F13- LIOCHOUG CAPTAN 225 (6.5.5) Mrs J Stony 10-10-5 Nr C Stony 106 4 12-2 ARK ME LATER 7 (0.F.6.5) Mrs S Stockhofts 5-10-5 Mr M Bandhums (7) 136

3.20 SEAN GRAHAM HAMERCAP CHASE

1 01-5 REAL TOMC 35 (BFF.5) G Richards 7-12-0 \_\_\_ R Destroodly 165
2 223 ROLD BOSS 252 (BFC.6.5) G M Moore 8-12-0 \_\_\_ A Dobbin 168
3 154 MONTRAVE 253 COLF.6.5) J Endels 6-12-0 \_\_\_ S Taylor (5) 163
4 024 PARAN 164 (D.5) M Todinarior 8-11-0 \_\_\_\_ M Minchardy 103
5 0753 AM PORT 13 (D.F.G) A J March (Pe) 7-11-0lik R P McSinhy (7)
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5 /22F BOARDING SCHOOL S (BLC.F.R.S) C Parter 10-10-5 D Parter 120 1.5 Mr Mattigan, 8-1 Beachy Hossi, 14-1 Judicious Captales, 16-1 Ack life Lake, 20-9 Transing School.

3.50 sean graham bookmakers handicap

8 50P- COMMON SOLIND 206 (0.5) J Barciny 8-70-4 C MicComment, (7) 80 9 1213 VINTAGE TAITTINGER 52 (8F.D.F.G) J Booking 5-10-0 S Taylor (5) 91 10 610- APOLLO'S DAUGHTER 256 (0.F.G) J Booking 9-10-0 B Sonton (5) 15 11 0F-F ON THE OFF CHANCE 8 R McKeller 5-10-0 — N Horrocks (7) —

3-1 Out On A Province, 4-1 Best Of AM, 5-1 Verlage Testinger, 6-1 Safr's Turkes, 8-1 Magslatt, Fen Terrier, 10-1 Papears, 12-1 others. COURSE SPECIALISTS

AVR: Trainers: T. Essierby, 4 winners from 13 numers, 30.8%, 6 Rectaurs, 46 from 197, 23.4%, Man M Rectaurs, 46 from 194, 21.3%; C. Thornton, 5 from 28, 17.5%; J. J. D'Nasil, 18 from 104, 21.3%; C. Thornton, 5 from 28, 17.5%; J. J. D'Nasil, 18 from 106, 17.5%; Moreover, 8 Gentley, 7 winners from 35 rides, 20.19. A Debbin, 33 from 109, 19.3%; J. Supple, 6 from 34, 17.6%; M Fester, 5 from 37, 13.5%; S. Toylor, 3 from 29, 13.0%. 18.57%; S. topier, S. Francisco, 4. wherein hum 6 ramages, 65.7%; D. Michalton, 14 from 50, 28.0%; D. Gendello, 8 from 30, 26.7%; J. Gilbert, 16 from 71, 22.5%, Mrs. J. Plantan, 8 from 39, 20.5%, J. Gilbert, 16 from 71, 22.5%, Mrs. J. Plantan, 8 from 39, 20.5%, Lockstyn, D. Breach, 6 from 22, 23.7%; S. McKelli, 12 from 62, 19.5%; W. Marston, 11 from 58, 18.0%; R. Massay, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

# THUNDERER 1.05 into The Clan. 1.40 Tango King. 2.15 Sam Rockett. 2.50 Normerange. 3.25 Royal Scimitar.

1.05 BURRHAM NOVICÉS CHASE L.R. Source Red. 6.4 fear This Class. 17-5 Housewhells. 16-1 milests.

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4 KAFL 19F G L MOOR 10-12 A Akpuru (5)
5 2220 PRAFIE MINSTHEL 18 R Dictor 10-12 A Akpuru (5)
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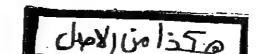
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# Good fun if you have an inclination

Alan Copps takes a wrong turning and discovers one of the Land Rover Freelander's ingenious abilities



Freelander: only the company's fourth model and a daring step into a high-volume market

eversing down a 30degree slope on a surface of loose rubble with your feet clear of the pedals sounds the prescription for an

But try it in the Land Rover Freelander: the car creeps backwards under perfect control, leaving the driver to concentrate on steering away from the crumbling edges. The only unnerving effect is the electronic pulsing as the anti-lock braking system cuts in to limit speed to 9kgih (5.6mph).

This is the world of Hill

Descent Control (HDC); the mnovation that marks out this new small Land Rover from its competition. Very few of the : 60.000 Freelanders the company plans to self each year will ever venture off Tarmac. but if they do, HDC will help any novice off-roader feel like a veteran rough rider.

Trying this clever device in reverse was not part of the plan when Land Rover marked out its test course along boulder-strewn tracks. But I turned right where I should have gone left and this. able little car had clambered up 100 yards before a gaping hole ahead illustrated the error of my ways. The only way back was backwards.

It is a horribly unnatural act to engage reverse, rev the engine enough to get under

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way then remove your feet trol allows the Freelander from the pedals. It seems like a descend slopes of up to 45 short cut to self-destruction. Afraid of racing backwards like a toboggan, I stalled twice before summoning sufficient faith to let HDC take over.

erhaps my passenger needed even more faith as he stood behind guiding me down. But, once under way, the car eased its way gently over the scree until a safe turning place was found.

The use of HDC replaces the transfer box and low ratios that add so much versatility, but also complication and weight, to bigger Land Rovers. To engage it you click a switch on the gear shift to reveal a bright yellow collar. It works in both first and reverse and with the help of traction con-

degrees. It's more fun to use going forwards when you can ee where you're heading.

Perhaps "fun" is not the first

word that springs to mind when talking of Land Rovers, but this car takes the company into a whole new and younger market. The Defender, the Range Rover and the Discovery can all be fun to drive but they are defined by their robustness, practicality and versatility. The Freelander, especially in its three-door form. is the first Land Rover to put "fun" first, To succeed, its looks had to match the inyour-face trendiness of cars such as the Suzuki Vitara, but its substance had to exude "Land Rover" solidity.

ment before the BMW takeover, and the new owners were impressed enough to back it Whether the world needs with massive investment in new plant. It's a very British' another "fun" off-roader — a

yet. It is only the fourth model

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The car was under develop-

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cash and rigorous quality which less than 10 per cent of those sold will ever be put - is control methods that should open to dispute. What is see off any further doubts beyond doubt is that Land Rover has produced the best about Land Rover's reputation for reliability.

The RAV trendsetter in this field of small recreational vehicles, and its recent rival the Honda CR-V, have deservedly won praise for versatility and fine engines. But, given Land Rover's pedigree, the Freelander has to prove itself the supreme off-road performer

thought of driving on Tarmac. That it performs so well on Tarmac, too, is perhaps the true measure of its success.

nowing that most owners will use this car just like a saloon, and reckoning that 40 per cent of sales will be from previous saloon drivers, Land Rover has made a vehicle that behaves just like one on the road. Its most surprising virtue is its ride, a novel all-round independent suspension ensures there's no hint of

that lumpiness that characterises so many 4x4s. The lack of height adjustment on the driver's seat seems an odd omission; many

might prefer to feel more "in the car than "on" it. But the company says the "command driving position" is an essential Land Rover feature. Yet in other ways the vehicle breaks from Land Rover tradition: it has a monocoque body shell with integral chassis. rather than a traditional heavy

ladder chassis. This provides

rigidity for an interior with

saloon car refinement. It's full of stylish touches, roof panels that can be removed, a soft-top that rolls forward to leave the boot space unencumbered and a rear window that slides down for loading if there's insufficient room to open the

er with sales of £4.5 billion a year.

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The Freelander is much

FOR LOUISE Clark, 22, Land Rover is not so much

wide tailgate. Both the petrol engine, a retuned version of the 1.8-litre used in the MGF, and the 2litre diesel are impressively refined yet produce lively per-formance. It's a long way from the "cheap jeep" that founded the Land Rover legend.

be held responsible



Louise Clark:"I think women feel free to ask me things they might not ask a man for fear of being laughed at"

# How did Mercedes produce a car that is a rollover lottery?

Standard international safety tests should have avoided a humiliating £100m disaster

crcedes-Benz's decision to halt produc-tion and deliveries of while it invests £100 million in improved safety is probably a car-maker's most expensive loss of face since US consumer champion Ralph Nader took on General Motors in the 1970s, writes Alan Copps. But while the company has suffered a major humiliation, the

episode also raises questions about the effectiveness of testing, both to meet official standards and by motoring magazines, some of which claim that their tests provide comprehensive information for consumers. The danger that the A-Class might roll over in a sudden swerve was dramatically proved by Robert Collin of the Swedish magazine Teknikens Varld when he tried the "elk or moose" test at 37.5mph. The car fell on its side. It was later pictured on two wheels during much higher speed slalom tests by the German magazine Autobild.

The moose test is a peculiarly Swedish thing. A test of damage to the car in collision with a (fake) moose has been carried out by Saab, for example, on every model since 1980 when the former managing director. Bjorn Lundholm, was killed after hitting one of the beasts, a common hazard in parts of that country. Saab claims that its tests, which involve dozens of different kinds of collisions, far exceed

What Collin was attempting was a "moose avoidance" test, a variation on a test for which there is a complex international standard. Such tests require expert and experienced drivers as well as scientific planning to be valid. The sort of swerve produced in this case might equally be made by a car attempting to avoid a child running out into a narrow street. The car in the test was laden to the maximum level with five passengers and heavy luggage.

The last car to fail this test by the Swedish magazine was a Skoda 20 years ago, but it is known as a regular test and one of the most baffling things about the whole episode is why Mercedes had not attempted it in pre-production proving. Companies usually sacrifice a number of prototypes in such tests; Land Rover, for example, claims to have destroyed 100 of its new Freelanders. It is especially cautious about roll-over testing after a number of serious motorway accidents involving Range

Rovers a few years ago.

Mark Payton, editor of What Car?, the nearest British equivalent to Teknikens or Autobild, said he had sanctioned publication of his magazine's current issue which includes a review of the A-Class in which road testers comment that it handles badly under certain conditions. "My testers are expert and experienced drivers," Payton said. They do things that scare me stiff.



Mercedes-Benz A-Class: fell over on its side in a "moose test"

I asked them if they thought the car would topple over and they said no. although they said the handling was not satisfactory. We put cars through high-speed lane-changing tests. I think the moose test is representative of a very serious situation, but one that might arise." International standards on crash

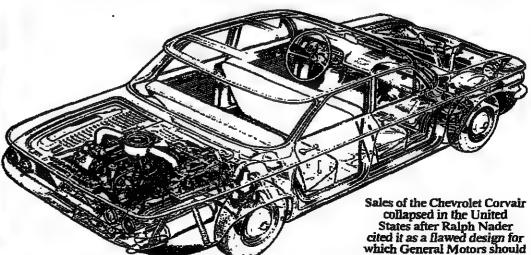
testing were dramatically influ-enced by campaigns led by United States consumer groups in the 1960s. In his book Unsafe at Any Speed, Nader took on the might of General Motors, citing the rearengined Chevrolet Corvair as an example of a flawed design for which the manufacturer should be held necountable.

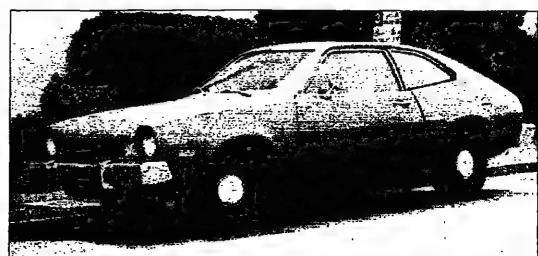
Its worst problem was instability at speed which could be sufficient to break the rear axles, causing the car

to spin out of control or even flip over. Before the book was pub-lished GM sold 1.5 million Corvairs; it provoked a courtroom confrontation between Nader and GM directors and afterwards only 125,000 were sold before the model

was withdrawn in 1969. Another court case led to the demise of the Ford Pinto, a compact car introduced in 1970. It suffered a series of transmission problems at first, but later its major flaw became apparent — the fuel tank was prone to explode after even a minor rear-end collision.

Manufacturers throughout the world routinely recall hundreds of thousands of models each year when post-production faults arise. But, in the words of Robert Collin: "The A-Class is a disaster."





Ford Pinto: a nasty habit of the petrol tank bursting into flames after even a minor rear-end collision

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# Wider still and wider shall the lanes be set

sharp end of The Times were right to choose the lower reaches of page seven for a story this week headlined "Wider motorways blamed for jams". This was a survey showing that the widening of a stretch of the M25 at junction 15 west of London had increased, not decreased, the lev-

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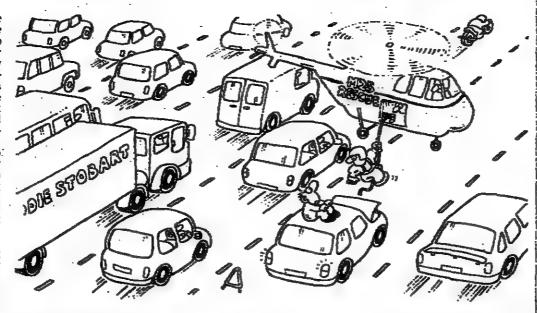
The M25 bridge designed to: take into Kent people unlucky enough to find themselves in Essex (I feel some letters coming on) has also attracted more traffic This piece of news failed to send me into shock, though I did find it interesting.

The received wisdom is that all road building and road widening attracts more traffic. This is now taken to be a Great Truth. Even the last Tory Government eventually admitted that building roads did not solve congestion, but I suspect that the truth is more complicated.

For one thing, it is obvious that all road improvements attract more traffic to that stretch of road. There are millions of people for whom life is a triumph of hope over experience. This was proved recently in horse racing: all the bookies who lost a fortune when Frankie Dettori won seven races at one meeting last year won it all back from the people who bet on him to do the same thing this year.

Mugs are not confined to horse racing, they also drive cars, so of course they will rush to a widened M25. If you widen a road to cope with existing james, but then people insist on increasing the amount of traffic using that road, obviously it will be just as congested as it was before.

Governments ask for trouble by pretending that they are widening a road to cope with "projected demand". This is tripe; they are widening it to cope with what is happening now. But that does not mean there is anything intrinsi-



cally wrong with road widening schemes. The problem is not the policy but some of the people who use the roads. Too many people use motorways wrongly, usually because they have chosen a motorway for a short journey that would be just as easy, and just as quick. on a local road.

These people are the worst enemies of decent road provision. though they are often the most vociferous in demanding new roads. Motorways attract most of us as if they had their own magnetic field; we ought to think twice before venturing on to them. for there is often a better way from A to B that would keep motorways free for long-distance travellers.

And how would I define "unnecessary" use of a motorway? Why. in the usual way of this column: any use of a road by me is necessary, any use of said road by everyone else is unnecessary. What could be simpler than that?

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Peter Barnard

hospital on Tuesday night, having split his sides laughing when the International Automobile Federation (FIA) announced his "punishment" for trying to knock Jacques Villeneuve's car off the track Taking away the points Schuma-cher earned last season is fairly typical of the grotesque individuals who run Formula One, so no one should be surprised.

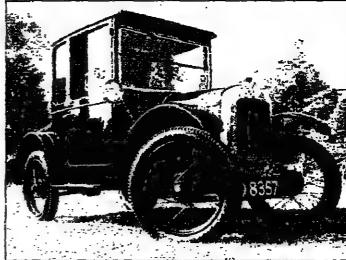
Mind you, I expect that FIA, the sport's governing body (let us hope this body never governs

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anything important), would claim it is setting an example to other areas of life. Perhaps pilots found drunk in charge of a jumbo jet could have that nice report they got two years ago taken out of their personnel files and burnt. By heck, that will show them.

The Schumacher farce is only one more nail in the coffin of a business — it long ago ceased being a sport — that is morally bankrupt. No wonder Labour is red in the face over its U-turn on tobacco sponsorship and the separate matter of cash given to the party by Bernie Ecclestone. Tony Blair has lost touch with reality if he really thinks Formula One deserves special treatment.

i used to be a fan of motor racing on television. I don't bother to watch it now because a continuous high-speed sport is pointless when interrupted by commercials. But, of course, ITV got Formula One because they offered the things it loves most: exposure and money. One day it will die of greed and it will deserve to.



"The Rolls-Royce of Austin 7s", a unique survivor from 1925

THIS Austin 7 could be your passport to the world's most exclusive concours d'élégance in California, writes Dave Selby...

The 1925 model, to be auctioned by Coys in London next Thursday, is the sole survivior of three Doctor's coupes constructed by coachbuilder Heath. Its owner, retired surgeon Dr Anthony Hudson, describes it as "the Rolls-Royce of Austin 7s".

In September it won Le

Coup de Coeur de Publique at the Louis Vuitton concours at Parc Bagatelle in Paris, which guaran teed its invitation to the world's top event at Pebble Beach. Estimated price is £17.000-£20,000, but as Tim Scholfield of

Coys says: "This car is unique. so there's no benchmark."

# On the wheels of fortune

The British have always taken their old motors seriously, but how great a role the historic vehicle movement plays in our national economy has always been a matter for conjecture. Lintil today, when the Federation

of British Historic Vehicle Clubs, of which I am president, unveils the first survey of the historic vehicle movement in this country and reveals that it generates an annual turnover in excess of £1.6 billion. More than £335 million of this represents exports, and the "support industry" that helps keep historic vehicles on the road spends around £500,000 on raw materials.

The FBHVC, which has nearly 300,000 members of some 300 clubs representing owners of historic cars, commercial vehicles, motorcycles and road locomotives, set up a a sub-committee, working in conjunction with the School of Information Studies of the University of Central England in Birmingham, to quiz members in depth about their hobby.

Among the questions asked were how many vehicles they owned. whether they were roadworthy or under restoration, how many miles they travelled in a year, how much their insurance cost, and how much they spent on spares, restoration, literature and automobilia.

Well over 200,000 questionnaires were requested by member clubs, and some 36,000 were returned. It was a statistician's dream. Dr Chris Hart, who led the analysts, said the size of the sample ruled out any margin of error.

Lord Montagu looks

at the survey that proves historic cars

have become a major driving force in

Britain's economy Among the facts revealed was

that there are more than 650,000 pre-1977 vehicles in Britain, More than 64 per cent of them are roadworthy and licensed, while the remainder are in storage - possibly on museum display - or undergoing restoration, with their owners spending around £510 million annually on restoring and maintaining their vehicles. That keeps at least 25,000 Britons

in employment catering for the specialist needs of historic vehicle enthusiasis. One result is that the UK is acknowledged as the world centre for such craft skills as panel beating, leather upholstery and the remanufacture of components to original specification. And every year historic vehicle enthusiasts spend £87.3 million on items related to their hobby, such as books, magazines, posters, models and videotapes. We reckon that £2 million changes hands at each of the Beaulieu International

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The RAC estimates that its annual London to Brighton Veteran Car Run draws an audience of one million — about five times the gate for the British Grand Prix — while the survey revealed that club members made some 380,000 visits to museums in Britain with a classic vehicle collection, spending around £5.9 million on entrance fees. Some 15 per cent of those visitors came from abroad.

This survey has revealed some thing that I have always suspected: historic vehicle movement makes a massive contribution to Britain. Quite apart from the wider environmental and cultural benefits of preserving, using and enjoying historic vehicles, it is a huge contributor to the national economy, in terms of employment, turnover and tourism.

ne point of great significance to makers of modern motor cars revealed by the survey is that more than 33,000 members of FBHVC-affiliated clubs choose to drive a modern car of the same marque us their historic vehicle. Those manufacturers who are actively preserving their marque heritage are following a very wise course, for this declared brand loyalty by historic vehicle owners represents a potential market worth hundreds of millions of pounds to the motor industry.

The report is available from The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs. PO Box 2506, Henfield, West Sussex BN5 9QW. Teli fax 01273 495051. The price is £5 plus postage.

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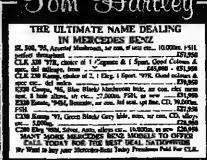
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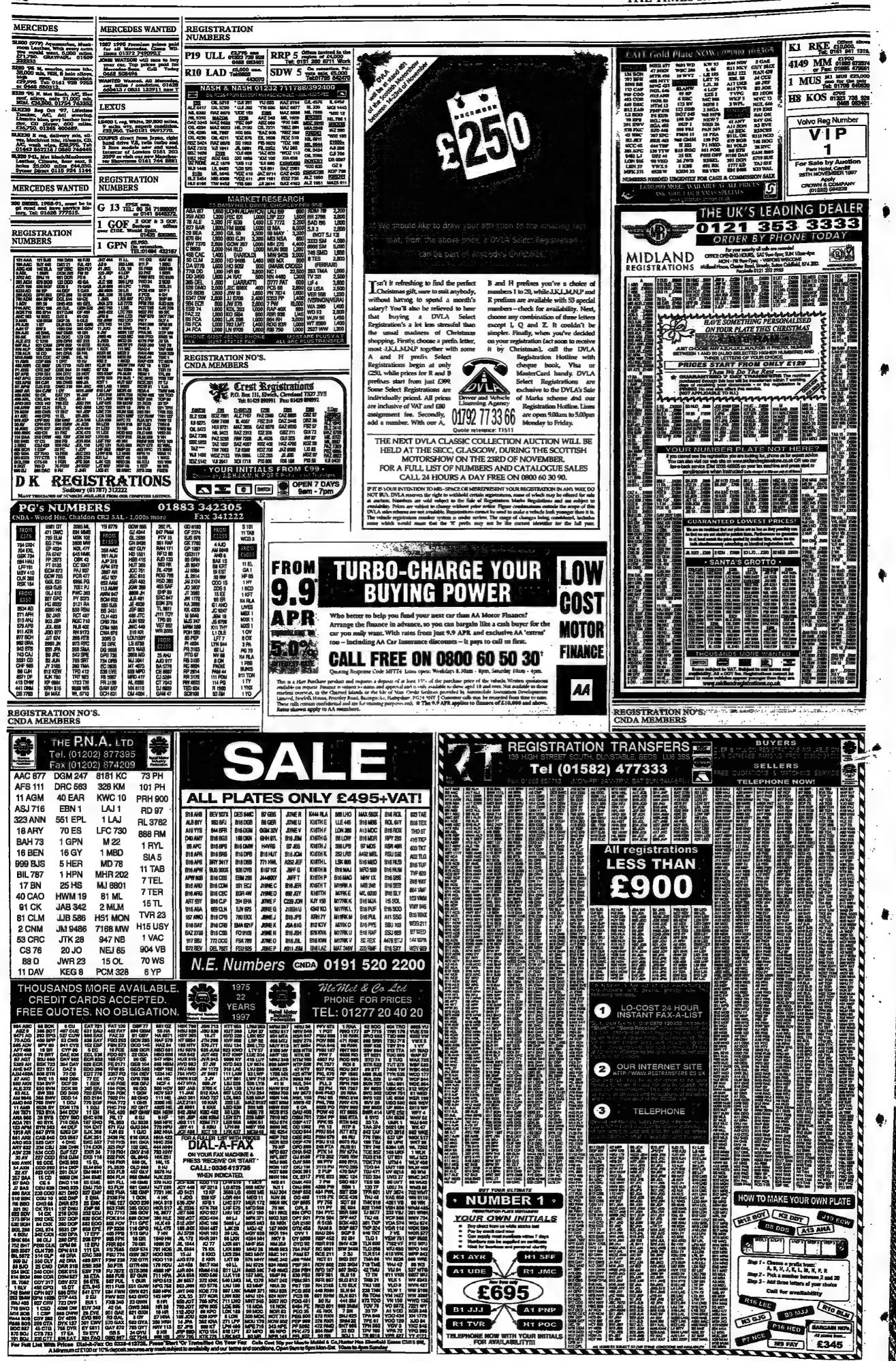
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hoever he is, he does not wish his name to be publicised; all we are told is that he is a not particularly well-known European businessman. However, he deserves only praise for having saved one of the greatest racing yachts ever built from a sad and

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slow death in Portsmouth harbour. Almost everyone has seen pic-tures of Velsheda or the other two surviving J-Class yachts, Endeavour and Shanrock, among the icons of their age when they first took to the water in the 1930s. Like massive paper darts with sails, producing phenomenal power with matchless grace and elegance, their image spread far beyond the confines of the yachting elite.

The problem with great yachts is that, while they are few and far between, owners prepared to pay the enormous bills to keep them up and running are even harder to come by. At present we seem to be in a golden era, with some spectacular new builds and restorations, but all live and die by their owners. When they die or the money runs out and they hand them on a big boar's future is uncertain.

The J-Class survivors are thus lucky to still be around. Shamrock is owned and sailed in America by a charity and Endeavour underwent a major refit about eight years ago. Velsheda, named after her first owner Mr W.L. Stephenson's three daughters, Velma, Sheila and Edward Gorman

reports on how

a \$10m refit has brought a classic

racing yacht back to sail the high seas

Daphne, was built in 1933 by Campers & Nicholson, to a design by Charles Nicholson. Like her sisters she was, and still is, a most impressive-looking greyhound. Her length overall is 129.6h, while her beam is just 21.6ft. The mast is 189ft above the deck which supports a mainsail area of 5,000 sq ft and a genon of 4,034 so ft. The boat is

impossibly long and thin with a very distinctive spiky bow.

After being raced for a number of years, Velsheda was eventually restricted to a mud benth in Hamble. But she was rescued by an American owner in 1984 who then sold her to Terry Brabant, an Englishman, who carried out a limited refit and operated her without an engine as a charter yacht. To survive in the long term, however, a major restoration was required. In 1994 Velsheda's saviour seemed to have appeared when a Swiss owner purchased her

and began a refit at Campers in

and the old girl, stripped of her interior and deek fittings, was towed to a mooring in Portsmouth harbour and left there, forlorn and far 100 expensive to save. It was a cold November's day two

years ago when her new owner went out to look at her with his wife and the naval architect Gerrard Dijkstra. Having owned a modern superyacht, he was looking for something classic which he could race and cruise with his family. He decided there and then to buy Velsheda and pay for a restoration which has cost more than \$10million (£6.25m), far more than he would have spent had he opted for another modern purpose-built superyacht. His wife reportedly told him he was mad, but two years later she has seen the remarkable transformation of that empty hull into a stunning creature which will stop people in her tracks.

The refit, which has just ended.

has been carried out to the nth degree. For the first time Velsheda now carries an engine, generators and all the paraphernalia of a modern super-cruiser with airconditioning, heating and extensive plumbing systems. She has beautifully appointed accommodation for a crew of seven and room for an

owner's party of up to 10 people. On deck she is stunning, and apart from a small aft doghouse crammed full of the latest navigation gear which looks entirely in



Amazing grace: like massive paper darts with sails, the image of the Velsheda and her sisters spread far beyond the yachting élite

keeping with her lines, she is largely as she was, with a dramatic sweep of teak from bow to stern and her amazing mast. Originally it was steel, now it is made in carbon fibre and, like the boom, is

the biggest ever constructed in that material in the world. The restoration could have been

carried out at several yards in Europe or elsewhere, but the owner chose her original home of Southampton for the work. Southampton Yacht Services took on the contract supported by scores of British suppliers, who have demonstrated the very best in UK marine engineering. The interior was designed

by John Munford, the mast built by Carbospars, winches by Lewmar, deck hardwood by Ian Terry and much of the rigging was supplied by Spencers of Cowes.

Some have criticised the new owner for turning Velsheda into just another superyacht. This is nonsense. Why should he not be

boat still capable of racing and which without him would still be ronting away on her mooring in Portsmouth? Velsheda is heading for her first winter in the Caribbean for years and after that she will once again grace many of the world's most spectacular regattas.

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and each CD-ROM comes with a self-test section which should help students preparing for Royal Yachting Association exams. The disk even includes the sound of wind whistling through the rigging.

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PRIVATE pilots who have gained 40 to 60 hours' experience since gaining their licences are statistically more likely to have an accident than newlyqualified or seasoned pilots because they tend to forget or neglect disci-

plines learnt in the run-up to their tests. With this in mind, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots' Association has put together a syllabus for a refresher course of two to three hours' flying covering subjects such as practice forced landings.

"A lot of minor acci-

dents such as bashed-up

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**EASY RIDERS 59** 

Making the most of your twilight years



Would EMU bring heaven or hell?

Abandoning the pound and allowing interest rates for Britain to be set by bankers in Frankfurt will please many in business and could lead to lower interest rates. But other people remain unconvinced, reports Susan Emmett

conomic and monetary union (EMU) is one of the most contentious issues facing politicians and businessmen. The announcement by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, that Britain will not be joining the single currency before the next Parliament has certainly furnished the battleground for the next election.

The Confederation of British Industry spent this week discussing the effects of monetary union on business. But the new currency will also herald important changes in the way we all save, invest and buy property. So, would giving up the pound mean more euros in your

The concept of monetary union, laid out in the Maastricht treaty in 1991, is to move Europe to a single currency by 1999. The euro, the new unit of currency, will replace the national currencies of EMU states and European interest rates will be decided centrally by the new European Central Bank.

But before this can happen, member states must meet a number of convergence criteria govern-ing inflation, the budget deficit and public debt. Not all countries will qualify in time. Others like Britain may choose to stay out of the first wave. But when Britain joins, if it joins (the decision is subject to a national referendum), there will be a number of practical as well as economic implications to consider from scrapping exchange rates within the EMU to the possibility of lower interest rates to match those

If everything goes according to plan, national currencies will remain in circulation from the start of EMU in January 1999 until January 2002. The ecu, Europe's current currency. Many economists argue basket of currencies which includes that maintaining low levels of

sterling, will be replaced by the euro which will not include the pound until Britain joins.

After the start of EMU, the exchange rates between member countries will be locked and the currencies will be interchangeable. If Britain were to join today, the euro would be roughly worth £0.70.

Moving around Europe will become easier for holidaymakers and business travellers and an end to exchange rate uncertainty will broaden the scope for British

With no currency fluctuation to worry about, investing in a com-pany in Strasbourg will be no different from supporting a business in Scarborough.

Pension fund managers will also take advantage of a wider pool of investment opportunities that could benefit private pension holders. Currently pension portfolios invest in different sectors but are mainly in the United Kingdom. Monetary union could see a shift to exposure across Europe. Bernard Muldoon, manager of

the Halifax euro planning unit, said: "I think we will see a portfolio shift over a period of time but it will not happen overnight. It will be gradual as the euro establishes

The success of pension funds will always depend on the health of the stock market where investments are held. With the new currency likely to increase competition across Europe, by removing the costs to companies of exchanging money, economists say companies will perform better.

Convergence criteria dictate that low levels of inflation must be reached before entry into a single

inflation is the key to successful monetary union.

Traditionally, inflation has been far higher in Britain than on the Continent. British headline inflation rose from 3.6 to 3.7 per cent last month compared with Germany's headline rate of inflation of 1.9 per cent and France's at about 1.3 per

If inflation falls, so do interest rates. In spite of the recent rise, the UK base rate, the yardstick for all interest rates, is still at an historically low level, but remains much higher than rates on the Continent.

At 7.25 per cent, Britain's clearing bank base rate, is twice as high as the German equivalent, which is

set at 3.3 per cent. Economists say that entry into EMU would generate a decline in United Kingdom rates to continental levels. David Kern, chief economist for NatWest Group said: "Sterling interest rates

SAVINGS Building society and postal account

savers will have to come to terms with their money tree developing Bonzai proportions and those who rely on income from their savings might feel there is less to spend each month. But lower levels of

and mortgage rates would be lower

if Britain were to join the euro-

inflation will mean that in the long term savings will not be eroded by rising prices.

est rates should, in theory, push

down the cost of mortgages. Barry

Naisbitt, chief economist at Abbey

National, said: "The key thing

about monetary union is maintain-

ing low levels of inflation that can

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will go lower if the group as a

whole is successful in maintaining

stable and low levels of inflation.

But until we see more meat on the

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But Simon Tyler, managing dir-

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Management, is sceptical that

EMU will automatically bring

down the cost of borrowing. "Base

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Low inflation brought about by monetary union will also blur the distinction between long and shortterm interest rates.

Traditionally, the longer savers are prepared to put away their money, the better the rates. But with stable inflation, Britain's rates may well match those on the Continent where short and longterm rates are similar.

### MORTGAGES

Bad news for savers usually bodes well for homeowners as low inter'It's not as cut and dried as com-

rates will plummet but it doesn't mean that mortgage rates will

mentators think. Thoughts of a 4 per cent mortgage rate early in the next century seem a little optimistic. Base rates may well come down but I'm not so sure mortgage rates will follow."

### CURRENCIES

Going to the sweet shop will never be the same after 2002. Cola fizzes, strawberry shoelaces and gobstoppers, purchased for a few pence, will be paid for in euros, putting an end to penny sweets. But changes in pricing will affect

more than those with small pocket money. Consumers and retailers alike will have to adjust to new notes and coins of different denomination and changed methods of

pricing.

There will be seven new euro banknotes ranging from five to 500 euros, the equivalent today of £3.50 to £350. Price tags conveniently rounded up to the nearest 99 pence will, after conversion, look much less attractive to the consumer in euros. Retailers are likely to want to round prices up or down, which squeezed margins.

Confusion in the run-up to the single currency is likely to spill beyond the high street as com-panies and organisations convert

at different stages.

Department of Social Security payments, salaries, standing orders and direct debits will all be affected by the change, although not necessarily at the same time. Competition may force some providers to introduce new services and products in euros early while others might wait until the last minute before adopting the new

The Consumers' Association is currently pressing for legislation making it compulsory for outlets to provide information in both currencies. If the association has its way, every shopkerper, build-ing society and bank would be obliged to give information in both currencies during the six months before convergence and as long as

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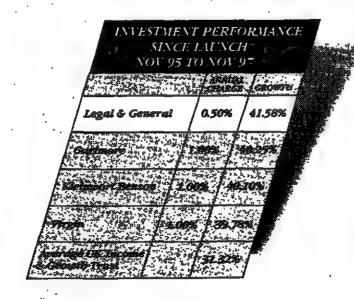
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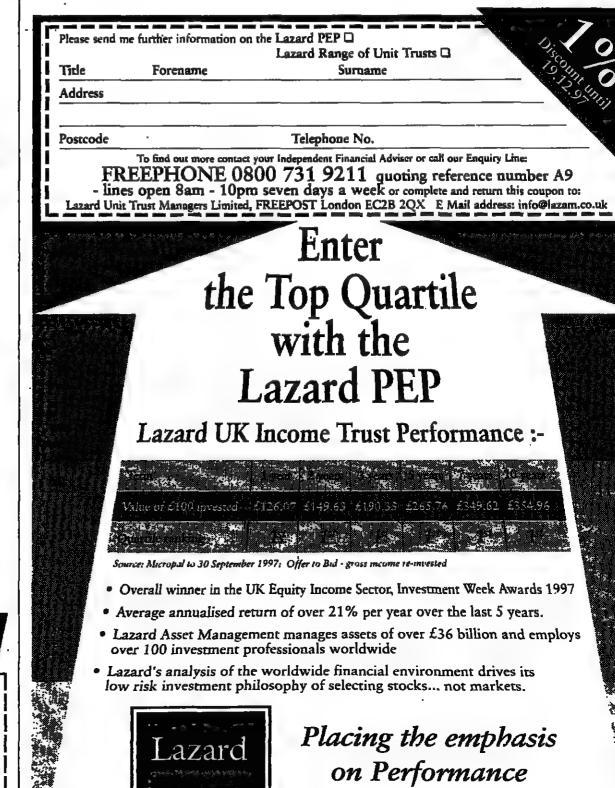


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# The phantom bids fiasco

he fiasco this week that was the end of the on-off bid for Vickers had more than a faint whiff of the late 1980s about it. In the blue corner, one of our most respected engineers and a name of world renown. In the red corner, an acquisition-led newcomer in a checky attempt to leapfrog into the big league by issuing large amounts of fresh equity.

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We will never know the merits or otherwise to Vickers shareholders of exchanging their shares for some in Mayllower. a company few of them outside the big City institutions had probably heard of. The bid, which wasn't really a bid, was driven off the road by the German car industry.

It was not a bid because no one at

Mayflower launched a formal offer.
This made little difference to the Vickers share price, of course, which jumped by almost 13 per cent on the day the news leaked.

A few weeks ago W H Smith was in almost the same position. An outsider might bid for the company. Tim Waterstone, one of our most respected retailers and the man who founded the eponymous book chain and then sold it to W H Smith, had raised enough City cash to put together an offer. He would buy the company, hang on to the bookshops—an appealingly sentimental twist to the tale, that—and sell off the rest, including the familiar high street stores. This would pay off much of the debt taken on to fund the takeover. All well and good—except that Mr Waterstone never got around to bidding.

There are some parallels in these "phantom bids". W H Smith is the retailer that lost its way; its shares have underperformed the market over the past five years. Vickers has

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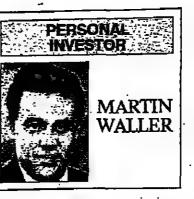
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underperformed in the past 12 months. W H Smith is criticised for its lack of retailing flair: Vickers has dithered over the sale of its Rolls-Royce luxury cars for as long as anyone can remember, and as a manufacturer of armoured fighting vehicles it is probably too small to compete in the world defence industry of today.

It is the function of the hostile takeover bid — indeed, it is its sole justification — that it is one way disappointed shareholders can exchange one load of underperforming managers for another set that might do the job better.

But there are rules enshrined in the City code on takeovers and mergers to ensure that management does not have to spend too long looking over its shoulder for corporate predators, to the detriment of other duties. A bid that fails cannot be repeated by the same party for a year unless with the agreement of the target company.

Mayflower was forced to withdraw because BMW, the German car manufacturer, took against any takeover of Vickers and threatened reprisals. The company was under formal City rules in an "offer period", so the one-year bar then applied. But so long are the time scales set by the City Takeover Panel charged with enforcing the code that the affair could theoretically have dragged on until next Easter. Bidders have, in such situations, weeks rather than days to put together a formal offer before pressure is brought to put up or shut up. Once this happens, shareholders have up to three months, a ludicrously long time in these days of

computerised share trading, to decide.

W.H. Smith's case is all the harder.

Mr Waterstone's own phantom bid was only briefly in a formal offer period. Officially, his last informal proposal to the Smith board was refused and so lapsed. He can now spend the remaining years God gives him happily building his new Daisy & Tom children's chain.

Iternatively, he can bid for W H
Smith on Monday. W H Smith's
shares are above where they
were when he first popped up, which
might suggest not everyone; has given
up hope of this happening. Or he could
watch the company fail to pull up its
socks and take more stick from the City,
see its shares plunge further and theo
return next summer to offer rather less
than he would have had to pay this
autumn. He keeps his options open.
This does not seem fair, especially to

this does not seem fair, especially to the small investor. The big City hattalions. I reckon, can look after themselves. They are in close contact with W H Smith and, if they so choose, Mr Waterstone and his advisers. But private investors tack the certainty that, if they finally lose patience with the management and sell this month, Mr Waterstone will not be back running his beloved bookstores in the new year.

# DataStream fuels the fantasies of back-bedroom stockbrokers

database which has been providing the City with company reports and accounts since 1964. Datastream's latesf site follows the Market-Eye free service launched in July which has attracted 11,000 investors and is currently signing up 100 subscribers a day. But unlike the Premlum service, share prices reach this site after a 20-minute delay.

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Since the Stock Exchange relaxed its rules in June, the number of Internet sites offering prices information has mushroomed. As the Stock Exchange charges for real-time information, Internet

sites with up-to-the-minute valuations come at a cost while those with prices on a 20minute delay tend to be free.

ahool, the Internet company, is the latest household name to offer stock market news and data at no cost. There is no need to register for the service which offers prices with a 20-minute delay and financial news from Reuters and the Press Association. Other features include exchange rates, precious metal prices, company profiles and share prices from the Paris and Frankfurt



markets. The amount charged by real-time sites vary. Market-Eye's introductory offer of £10 a month goes up to £20 in the new year.

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ESI (electronic share information) also charges £20 a mouth for real-time information on prices but offers a free service with a 20-minute delay. The ESI site gives the overall value of the FTSE 100, provides AFX news headlines and offers users access to

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he woes of Tesco Personal Finance must be spreading Schadenfreude throughout the retail savings world, a sphere where smugness is already endemic. Having entered the market with an account paying a generous rate, in direct competition with banks and building societies, Tesco has failed to cope with demand.

Events have followed the usual nattern of such enisodes. Disconnatern

pattern of such episodes. Discontent turns to anger as telephones go unanswered and letters are left unacknowledged for weeks (see page 64). In response, the company apologises, pledging significant improvements. Still the complaints continue. Here news management steps in, murmuring soothing things about "isolated incidents" and "clearing up backlogs". Meanwhile, there are quiet payments of compensation to the more verifer. compensation to the more vocifer-



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ANNE ASHWORTH Personal Finance Editor

Although Tesco may not have fully delivered its promise, its move to improve returns for small savers is still praiseworthy. Tesco offers 6.50 per cent on balances of as little as £1. The Halifax's perhaps inappropriately named Liquid Gold account pays 0.5 per cent on balances between £50 and £500. Even the mutuals, who should have a spending the statement of the cial care for those with hundreds, rather thousands to save, hardly shower them with riches.
Banks and building societies are

at present reviewing their savings rates, in the wake of the base rate change. Although the shortcomings of the upstart Tesco may make them feel superior, they have little room to feel complacent about their own offerings.

Charges disgrace

IN 1983 Jack Gerrard put £5,000 into a pension plan. Today his investment is worth £5,004. This story would be a farce, if Mr Gerrard were not terminally ill and anxious about the future of his young family (see page 64).

Those who are unfamiliar with

the secretive system for remunerating insurance middlemen will be astonished to learn that £2,500 was deducted from the £5,000 to pay the adviser's commission. This money was then snatched back by Sun Alliance when it became clear that Mr Gerrard's £5,000 was a one-off contribution, not a regular premium. Under the commission system, advisers earn lower rewards for arranging lump-sum payments. Curiously Sun Alliance now refuses to return the money to the pension plan, claiming that it needs the cash to cover costs.

The company has spent thou-sands publicising the benefits of its merger with Royal. And we wonder why the public is still so reluctant to put money into pensions.

Susan Emmett reports on a plastic problem for Christmas shoppers abroad

# The 00 generation arrives

early for millions of plastic card holders as credit and debit cards expiring in the year 2000 have begun to hit the high street. But some new cardholders may have to leave their shopping behind if retailer terminals are not up-to-date.

Visa and Mastercard, the UK's two biggest card companies, hifted their embargo on cards stamped 00 last month in the belief that most retailers and cash machines are now millennium-compliant. According to Visa, 98 per cent of retailers around the world are now ready, though some shopkeepers might have to use their old manual machines and telephone for authorisation.

lan Gatherum of Visa, which has 524 million cardholders worldwide, said: "So far it has been encouraging. We have not had many cases, but the work is continuous. We have a lot more cards coming out at the year end. Each retailer must have a the year 2000 expired 100 years

back-up. If they have problems earlier and is not valid. So far getting their cards accepted, cardholders should ask for the

manual machine." The Association of Payment and Clearing Services says 45-50 million cards are replaced per year. As most cards in Europe have a two-year lifespan, millions of consumers will be issued with millennium cards in the run-up to Christmas.

But a number of those who have 00 on their cards have had them rejected both in Britain and abroad because of the exp-iry date. One couple, David and Haide Partridge, had to leave all their shopping in Calais when the supermarker's electronic reader rejected their new Barclaycard Visa cards.

The problem arises because many computers are still programmed to read only the last two digits of each year. Unless adjustments are made, retailers' machines and cash dispensers assume a card expiring in

issued cards with 00 empiry dates. Smaller suppliers have waited until teething problems are solved. Atalia Da Silva of American Express, with about 4.5 million cardholders, said: We are assessing the situation constantly. Merchants in Europe and in less developed countries are not compliant and cards can be rejected. We are waiting to see what happens."

has also been adopted by most high street banks. Among the big banks, only Barclays and Halifax started issuing the new cards this autumn. Lloyds TSB will introduce 00 cards in December January but others such as Nat-West do not expect to bring in 00 cards for another two to

Jerry Whitmarsh, programme manager for NatWest Bank.

said: "With well over one millonly Visa and Mastercard have in ion retail terminals in the UK, we are worried there may be some instances when consumers have problems, so we have adopted a wait-and-see policy. We are keeping the situation under review, in theory everything has been done, it's just a question of how confident we can be that something hasn't been overlooked. Statistically we can expect teething problems of some sort."

The main reason for the delay is lack of confidence that retailers abroad are not up to speed and people trying to use their cards overseas may be left stranded by the millennium problem is more abroad than in stranded, unable to pay for their hotel through relying on a single bit of plastic."

In this country, the British Retail Consortium says it is in right but consumers must complain if they have any problems. Ann Grain of the British Retail Consortium said: "We have urged all our members to be compliant. But consumers must complain and voice any problems to make sure they are solved. It will never be perfect. Some people have already had

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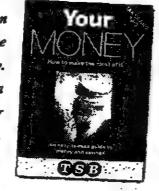
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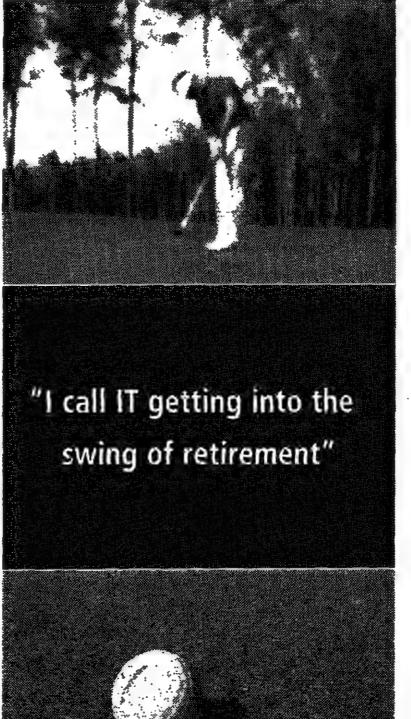
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Jingle Bells: traditionally, Japanese spend the equivalent of 3 per cent of the gross domestic product at Christmas time

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# Alarm in the land of the rising crisis

he next three months will be crucial for the thousands of UK investors who have a total of £5 billion invested in Japan. The eight-year bear market that has dogged stock prices in Japan has now reached a defining moment.

The stock market only has to fall by another few per cent for many of Japan's biggest banks to become insolvent, according to domestic accounting rules.

As the banks comprise 15 per cent of the stock market, any meltdown in the sector has severe implications for the level of the index as well as the economy as a whole. At the moment the Nikkei index is around the 15,000 level. If it fell to 14,000, many banks could be affected. A fall to 12,000 would be disastrous for the financial sector.

The fact that Japan appears to be on the brink of a catastrophe will not be music to the ears of the many UK savers who were encouraged to put their money into Japan

three years ago.

At the time the UK fund
management industry took
to view that Japan was poised
to follow all the other days.

Investors in Japan are reeling and the experts see little hope, says Caroline Merrell

oped nations out of recession.

They argued that Japanese companies had finally begun to take action to increase productivity and become more competitive. They claimed that company profits were beginning grow even though the year's strength was hampering

exports.

However, despite the injections of trillions of yen into the economy by the Government, low interest rates, no inflation and a huge trade surplus, no real recovery has yet been experienced in share prices.

For those who invested five years ago, the minimum time horizon that should be contemplated by anyone planning to put their hard-earned cash into Japan, returns have been

According to statistics from Micropal, £1,000 invested in Martin Currie's Japan fund would now be worth a little

top performing unit trust over.

The incredibly low returns experienced by UK investors who took the plunge into Japan five years ago are especially galling when compared with the returns earned by investors in other developed markets, such as the US

In fact, £1,000 invested in a Halifax 'deposit account five years ago would be worth £1,216 before tax, considerably more than the £1,025 that would have been earned by the average Japanese unit trust over five years. Those who put their money into the bottom-performing Japanese fund from Henderson would have suffered a 25 per cent reduction in their investments.

Today, those that manage Japanese unit trusts and investment trusts have very little positive news about the future for share prices.

Over the short term, the performances of Japanese funds have been even worse. On average, unit trust prices have fallen by 25 per cent over the past three months, in response to the economic problems that riddle the other Far Eastern

countries.
Currency
devaluations in
Thailand,
Malaysia,
the Philippines and

pines and now South Korea have direct implications for Japanesecompanies, which export a large proportion of their goods

Devaluation of currencies in the region will make Japanese imports far more expensive, which will hit exporters. Particularly painful will be any further devaluation of the won, the Korean currency. A further fall will make Japanese exports seem even more costly.

Today, compared with three years ago, most UK fund managers have a far more pessimistic view of the future. All believe that the time has come for the Government to take action to try to push Japan out of its eight-year bear market.

Scott McGlashan, head of Far Eastern investment at Perpetual, said: "I am optimistic only over the longer term. It is a pretty dangerous situation, particularly with what is happening in the rest of Asia. If the Korean won is also devalued, then the situation will get much worse. A host of heavy industry companies in Japan compete head-on with companies in Korea, Devalua-

will make Korean goods about 20 per cent cheaper. It is potentially a huge problem.

"The other big problem that keeps resurfacing is financial sector meltdown. This is a terrifying prospect. You would see the start of some sort of crisis management. The Government might be forced to nationalise some of the banks, like the US did with the Continental Illinois."

He pointed out that despite the fact the Japanese had one of the highest savings ratios, they preferred to leave their money on very low-interest bearing accounts — a reflection of the total lack of confidence in the economy. Mr McGlashan also believes that the yen could strengthen, which will make Japanese exports even more uncompeti-

Despite Mr McGlashan's pessimism about the short-term problems, he feels that the direness of the situation means that things can only get better after getting worse.

"In 1933, one in four Us banks collapsed; over the next four years the Dow actually trebled in value." Japanese companies could eventually go through some consolidations, involving share buybacks and mergers, both of which could aid the ailing stock market.

director, echoes his short-term views of the market. He be-

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slightly bad or very bad depends on China. If it follows the rest of Asia into recession then the situation could be very bad indeed." On the plus side, Mr Clough

On the plus side, Mr Clough believes that earnings from Japanese companies could eventually show some sort of recovery.

Ian Wright, of Foreign & Colonial, said that if the market went very much lower the Government would have to take drastic action, which would be good for share prices and help beleagured UK investors. "Something would have to give."

He believes that Christmas will be a critical period for the economy. "Traditionally, the Japanese spend the equivalent of 3 per cent of the gross domestic product at Christmas" time." Again, he thinks there could be some sharp rises after a further fall.

a further fall.

However, UK investors with holdings in Japan might consider the example of Barton Biggs. Morgan Stanley's legendary investment guru, who claims that it is time for foreign investors to stop waiting for Tokyo to recover. He advises investors to cut their losees and sell



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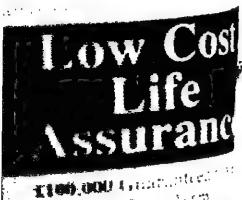
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Patrick Collinson tries to find his way around the commission maze for financial products



# Where your money goes

ow much commission do financial advisers such as a unit trust or a Pep, but they can hit the jackpot when

to repay a mortgage. Since 1994, financial salesmen, whether they be indepen-dent financial advisers, representatives from direct sales forces or the man from the Pru. have been obliged by regulators to reveal commissions and fees.

The idea is that disclosure of charges and commissions helps consumers to shop around to find the best value policy. The reality, as Weekend Money discovered in a snanshot commission survey, is that only the make sense of commissions.

Commission is paid in many ways - upfront, level, and renewal - and is subject to "uplift" and "override" for larger volume sales. While it is easy to identify how much an IFA earns from a product he recommends, identifying the equiva-lent figure for a direct salesman, who is paid a mix of salary and commission and has company-supplied benefits, is

A rule of thumb is that direct salesmen receive about 20 per cent more than IFAs, according to surveys carried out on behalf of the PIA, the regulator. Whatever the status of the middle man, his remuneration is paid out of the money you invest.

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first year's premiums, plus further monthly commission of about 2.5 per cent of the premium after the policy has been going for at least two years. ole: A 35-year-old takes out a £200 per month personal pension, intending to retire at 60. Chamberlain de Broe, a London IFA which charges fees and rebates commission, said it would receive (and rebate) El.611.62p in commission from Scottish Equitable for a

per month after 26 months. Standard Life said it would

# Widowers are irate over sex discrimination in schemes

Tollowing a Weekend Money article revealing L that widowers did not enjoy pension rights in the state scheme, readers are now wondering whether they will face sex discrimination in their company schemes. Although company schemes now have to provide equal widows' and widowers' benefits, it was not always so.

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James Miller, a Weekend reader, says that under his wife's pension "I would receive 50 per cent of her pension based on service from April 6, 1988, only". Since she retired in August 1991, it means any benefit he gets will be calculated on just over three years' service only. Is this legal, he asks?

Pensions Postbag replies: Unfortunately, it is. Changes in practice in recent years have not had to be backdated and according to Roger Key, company pension fund expert at Watson Wyatt, the actuary and consultant, there was nothing which required occupational schemes to make any provision for widowers' pen-



sions prior to April 1988. Some did provide widowers benefits but it was universal. They took the traditional view that the man was the main breadwinner and his widow needed to be provided for. They didn't feel the same way about widowers," said Mr Key. In spite of the difference in benefits, women did not pay

lower contributions. But employers at the time did not feel women were being short-changed, partly because the cost of buying a female employee's pension was higher anyway (they live longer

and retired earlier then). The change came when

Serps (the state earnings related pension scheme) in 1988. This required final-salary pension schemes contracted-out of the state scheme to introduce a 50 per cent widower's pension attaching to the "guaranteed minimum pension? (GMP) which replaced the Serps pension. But this only applied to service after April 1988. Even then they were not

obliged to extend this rule to cover all pension benefits. although most schemes did. Strictly speaking, full equalisation only became necessary after 1990 when the European Court ruled that pensions were part of pay and equal

Mr Miller's wife to proceed is to ask her pension trustees nicely if they would consider changing the scheme rules to give widowers a better deal; but with pension funds currently under considerable pressure he feels this may not be the easiest time for them to agree to such a request.

Some company pension schemes have, of course, always been more generous than required by the letter of the law. Not only have they provided a spouse's pension to widows and widowers, but the benefit has been more generous than 50 per cent of the member's entitlement. The last survey by the National Association of Pension Funds shows that 16 per cent of schemes pay a two-thirds

spouse's pension. Members of money-purchase pension schemes have generally had greater flexibility because they have a choice of the type of annuity they buy at retirement and the level of spouse's pension it provides.

HELEN PRIDHAM

month after 28 months for a similar policy. Barclays Life said it pays its salesmen El.397, but added that this included not just his pay but an amount to cover adminis-

and computer equipment.

Allied Dunbar, with one of the UK's largest life and pensions salesforce, was asked to supply figures but refused. A spokesman said: "Trying to compare commission is a

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### LIFE COVER

Typical commission: All the first year's premiums plus monthly commission of 2.5 per cent of the premium after four

Example: A 35-year-old nonsmoker takes out life insurance fin this case called level term insurance) to cover the repayment of a £100,000 mortgage if he should die before the mortgage expires in 20 years. Chamberlain de Broe said a

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However, Standard Life says its basic commission on such a policy would be only E215.67p plus 38p per month after month 49. The difference is explained by "commission uplift" that brokers producing obtain from a life office.

A salesman could earn a lot more commission by offering a less competitive term insurance product. For example, Chamberlain de Broe says Norwich Union would pay £379 commission for selling its - £74 more than Standard Life. Unfortunately the consumer would also be paying premiums 25 per cent higher than Standard Life's.

that Barclays Life makes to its salesmen. Its salesman's remuneration and associated

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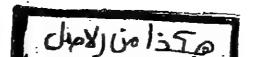
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# When the boot contents costs more than the car

S t John Pope, a self-employed photographer, has to take out two separate insurance policies when he renews his motor insurance each year one to protect the car and its passengers and another to cover his cameras and other photographic

The 40-year-old London man, who qualifies for a full no-claims discount on his motor policy, pays £198 a year for fully comprehensive cover for his £5,000 1996 Ford Fiesta. Then he has to pay out another £308 to insure his photographic equipment for up to £14.500.

He arranged his motor cover through Cliurchill Insurance, one of the United Kingdom's top direct insurers, but the motor policy does not include protection for high value equipment when it is carried in the vehicle

This means he has to buy the separate policy for his photographic equipment through Peter W Edwards, a Londonbased agent which specialises in insuring photographers and cameramen, to make sure the tools of his trade are

covered against damage or theft from the car. St John, who lives in Kentish Town, North London, with his girlfriend Liz Cooney, a magazine picture editor, sald: "Most insurance companies will insure the car but they won't touch my cameras and other

photographic equipment The separate policy covers the equipment for use anywhere in Europe although it stipulates that I must keep everything in the boot and never leave it in the car overnight."

he relatively low-cost car insurance is becau St. John is a commercial photographer and he says it would be much more expensive if he was working in other areas of the industry.

Churchill breaks the photography profession down into different areas and if I was a fashion or personality photographe the premiums would be sky high because there is the chance you might be carrying superstars in your car so the risk

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# Dream machine but nightmare costs

ith so many other things to think about when starting your own business, it is easy to forget about making sure you have proper insurance for

Most people opting for the self-employed route will use their existing car or van for business purposes, although many will not realise that if they do they must upgrade their insurance cover.

Although this simple task may be towards the bottom of your priority list, it is vital to pay attention to it because if you have an accident that the dany can prove happened while you were on business the likelihood is it will refuse to pay your claim.

According to Kay Gorman, of Churchill Insurance, the UK's second-largest direct in-surer with 700,000 motor policies in force, how often you use your vehicle for business purposes can be minimal when it comes to underwriters deciding if business usage insurance is necessary

She said: Technically just transporting a few files or driving from a company head office to a branch is classed as business usage which would require appropriate insur-ance. The definition of remaining in the social, domestic and pleasure class is that you can use your car for work purposes to travel from home to work and back again, but nothing else."

Upgrading car insurance from the usual social, domestic and pleasure cover to class one business use is not normaliv too expensive, unless your vehicle is to be used to carry expensive equipment or dangerous goods such as fireworks or explosives.

Like all insurance, it pays to shop around, especially if your existing insurer wants to inc rease your premiums substantially, something which happ-ens regularly with companies hoping customers will accept the quote without question. How much more you pay will depend upon what sort of

you may need to know

According to Churchill, a 31ear-old man leaving the banking industry to take to the

business you are running. There are still a number of

Go self-employed, buy a new car and find out what happens to

your insurance, says John Givens

occupations that insurers consider to be high-risk. For example, journalists find that before being accepted for car insurance they have to

satisfy the underwriters on a

number of issues that most other people would be spared. This is not because insurance companies think memlarly bad drivers, but because they often assume all journalists and photographers spend their time dashing around the streets of London with high-profile passengers like Alan Shearer or the Spice Girls in their cars, with the attached risk of massive compensation claims if the celebrities are

hurt or killed in an accident. However, most newly selfyear in pursuit of their business as a commercial salesman will find their insurance status elevated to class three business usage with premi-

that mean more expensive motor insurance costs is not as easy as it seems. While it is still true that those classed as sports people and musicians can expect to pay hefty premiums to insure their stretch limos, according to research Churchill Insurance the four occupations that showed the highest claims ratio last year were deep-sea fishermen, personnel officers, ministers of religion and bakers, while

accountants, hank managers. coach drivers and district

purse strings could be vital to Your best bet might be to get hold of a mid-range car like a ums loaded accordingly. Ford Escort I.4 Which comes in Spotting the occupations

at insurance group eight and keeps both motoring and insurance costs down. No matter how happy you are with your insurer, you may have no choice but to move to a new company since many underwriters, among them Direct Line, the UK's leading telephone-based mooffer business coverage, which is classed as commercial insurance.

As with all insurances, shoo around for the best deal before signing on the doned line. Accepting the first quote you

cover.
While the idea of owning a

nice car is integral to the

dream of becoming self-em-ployed, buying a high-cost car is probably not the wisest thing to do at a time when

keeping a tight hold on the

get will almost certainly mean you will be paying more for your motor insurance than you need to - and if you have not got the time to ring round different companies, contact a broker, pass on the details of our best quote and ask for a

Alternatively, concentrate on the telephone-based operations like Direct Line and Churchill which cut out the commissions paid to middle men and can pass some of these savings on to the customer. Finally, resist the tempta-tion to mislead the insurer about your claims experience or the car being insured in the hope of getting a cheaper quote it might save you a few pounds now, but insurers have the right to refuse to pay a claim if they can prove you did not tell the truth when

asking for a quote. Most underwriters work on a trust basis when insurance is taken out but go through the details with a fine-tooth comb when they get a claim. This means that a misleading insurance policy is as much use as

# **CAR INSURANCE**

employed people, especially those in white-collar professions, such as accountants and solicitors, will find little difference in the cost of class one business usage insurance and regular social, domestic and pleasure cover.

road as an independent financial adviser would see the cost of annual fully comprehensive insurance for his 1995 Volkswagon Golf worth £7,000 rise from £207 to £231 as a result of becoming self-employed. A fewould see her annual premiums leap from £205 to £220. However, those people who do thousands of miles each record.

As well as your occupation and recent claims experience, another key factor influencing the size of your insurance bill is the type of vehicle you drive. UK insurers base assessments on a vehicle rating system of between one and 20, where one is the small, low-risk car like a Fiat 127 and 20 a 180mph hotrod like a Ferrari in demand from both drivers and

According to insurers, marry people becoming self-em-ployed rush out and buy a topof-the-range car immediately and then have the problem of finding the funds to pay for the weighty insurance costs and the additional expense of up-



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Gavin Lumsden on why the banks are happy with the status quo

# The £1m a day reason cheques take so long

here is nothing more galling than having money but not being able to spend it. This is the situation millions of customers of banks and building societies regularly find themselves in because they have to wait at least three days for cheques to clear and money to transfer between accounts.

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leadquires - 1875 - 18. Lanc Destrictions Last year's abolition of the 200-year-old Bills of Exchange Act should have paved the way for a shortening of the traditional three-working day clearance cycle, the bane of countless customers for generations, particularly over holidays. Since this reform, banks and building societies no longer have to present cheques physically to the branch of the person who wrote it but can transmit the details electronically.

According to the Association of Payment Clearing Services (Apacs), which has all the mainbanks and building societies as its members, this should have knocked half a day off the cycle as cheques can now be "truncated" at central clearing offices rather than being sent to local branches for verification. This short cut will save banks and building societies about £30 million a year but is not being passed on to customers who still have to wait three days before the money is transferred. Nor are customers ever likely

Nor are customers ever likely to enjoy same-day clearance and transfer of cheques, though it is technologically possible. This is because banks and building societies are reluctant to invest in supporting a payment method they say is declining in popularity. They say the tion has failen from 3.9 to 3.1 billion since 1990 and is forecast to reach 2.4 billion in five years as debit card take-up rises. Though falling, these statistics hardly herald the imminent demise of the cheque. However, banks and building societies are resisting pressure to take up the electronic return of hounced cheques which would do much to reduce customer complaints.

At present all cheques are cleared in two stages. First they are cleared for value, where the account of the cheque writer is debited and the account of the cheque holder is credited. Cheque holders start to earn interest on the money at this point, which usually takes three days, though it can be longer



It is not always easy to avoid the clearance system even if you want to. Jean Mary Dickman of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, a Lloyds customer, wanted to send £30 to her daughter Alexandra in Cheltenham, who also banks with Lloyds. She took along her daughter's account details and made the payment with her credit card at her local heaves to receive the counter to

find that it had taken two days for the money to reach Alexandra's account. "If I had known it was going to take that long I could have given her the money myself. I wanted her to have the money that day. It is quite ridiculous." Lloyds said Mrs Dickman should have used a pre-printed deposit slip which would have ensured the money was transferred that day.

for savings accounts. Cheques are then cleared for fate. This term covers the practice of most banks and building societies of preventing customers from withdrawing the money for another day or two until they are confident the cheque, is unlikely to bounce. It is this delay that most infuriates customers. The reason for it is that bounced cheques are returned to the branch that issued them by post. If after five days banks have not been notified of anything wrong, they allow the

thing wrong they allow the money to be withdrawn.

Only about I per cent of cheques bounce, usually because there are insufficient funds in the cheque is sucret's account or because the cheque is stolen or filled in incorrectly. In other words most customers are prevented from accessing their money as soon as it becomes available because of a small minority of bad cheques. An estimated £5 billion is sitting in bank accounts in this way.

There is an easy solution to this. Bounced cheques could be transmitted electronically. which would allow banks to clear for value and fate on the same day. So far there has been no action, although Apacs says it is receiving consideration. The reason hanks and building societies are reluctant to do it is because it would stop them investing the 65 billion on the money markets where it earns about £1 million in interest every day — more than they give to their invariations.

But the situation is even more aggravating because banks and building societies differ in approach. Only the Royal Bank of Scotland and Ulster Bank allow people to withdraw on the third day if the cheque is from another institution. The Alliance & Leicester, Co-operative, Halifax, Midland and NatWest make their customers wait another day. However, the Abbey National, Bank of Scotland, Barclays, Britannia, Clydesdale, TSB and Woolwich are the worst, making their customers wait for five working days to elapse. People with savings

Chris Eadie, deputy Banking Ombudsman, says having two clearing dates confuses many people: "After three or four days banks are prepared to assume the cheque has cleared and will allow interest to accrue on it and for the customer to draw on it. However, if the cheque bounces, the customer will have to return the money. We have had some cases where chedues are returned after a month or two. If a cheque is not going to be paid it should be back within a week; however, this does not mean it will." Mr Eadie advises people accepting a large cheque to pay £10-£16 for special clearance. This checks if the payee has the funds to honour the

accounts, which have no over-

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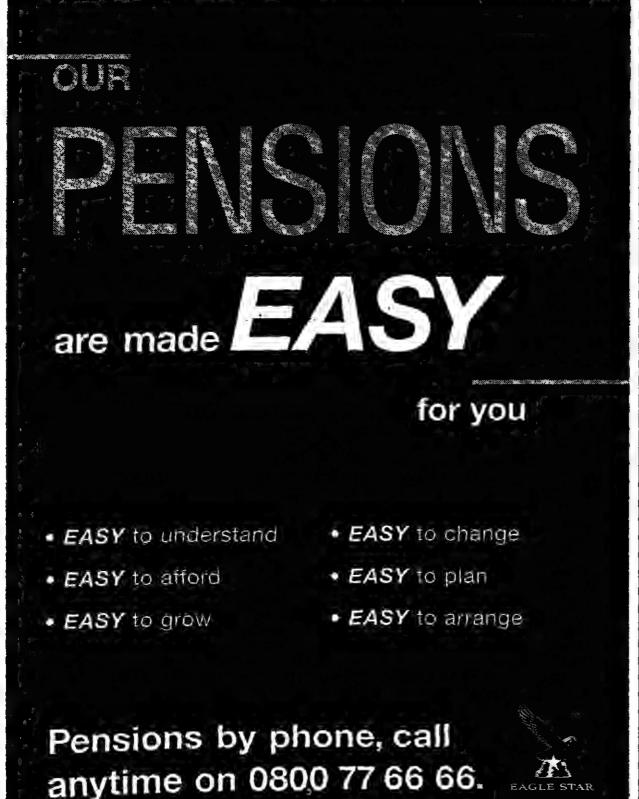
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Hazel Spink seeks expert advice on the best places to invest inherited cash sums

# Safe homes for £17bn

Inherited wealth in Britain has doubled to £17 billion a year over the past decade and those in middle age are the first generation to enjoy the benefits of inherited property wealth. In the first of

investment strategies for lump sums. In weeks two and three, we will focus on medium and high-risk investments.

three articles, we examine low-risk

t some time in their A lives, most people have wished a long-lost relarive would leave them a large sum of money. For a growing an inheritance is becoming a reality. Each year £17 billion is inherited in Britain.

Many of these people will not have had money to invest before and, having heard horror stories about losing money on the stock market, will fight shy of investing in shares. Alternatively, they may be close to retirement and cautious about losing money they are unlikely to recoup.
While equities have produced

the best returns over the longer term, it is pointless to adopt an investment strategy that will mean you cannot sleep at night. At the same time, simply leaving a large sum of money on denosit in the bank or building society is not wise given today's low interest rates. For example, the starting rate on NatWest's Instant Access Deposit account, First Reserve, is currently 2.02 per cent gross (I.6) per cent net)

£99 and the top rate is 3.65 per cent gross (2.9) per cent net) for amounts of £1,000 or more. With inflation at 28 per cent it is easy to see how capital left on

There are ways to maximise returns without incurring a significantly higher degree of risk. Before thinking about these, however, it is sensible to repay your debts, including your mortgage. Mark Dear, a partner at Holden Meehan, an investment adviser, said: "In my opinion, it is worth repaying the whole of your mortgage because Miras is so insignificant today, that you would need to be earning over 7 per cent on your investment to make it worthwhile investing rather

than clearing your mortgage. Then, you need to consider how much money you are going to set aside as rainy day money which will be kept on deposit to cover emergencies. Between three and six months' net salary is a good rule of thumb or perhaps 10 per cent of your capital. It is important, even with this money, that you shop around to get the best deal. Sainsbury's Instant Access Deposit account currently offers extremely good rates - 6.5 per cent gross on balances of El or more - although only time will tell whether the new bank can

essas are another possibility. These allow you to invest £9,000 over five years and earn gross interest if you do not withdraw more than the net interest. Then there are National Savings products: In-dex-linked savings certificates offer protection against inflation plus an extra amount which is added in each of the five years the certificate is held. The current issue offers 2.75 per cent compound in addition to index-linking when held for five years. There are also fixed-interest savings certificates. The

compound over five years. The rate of return on many National Savings products is not considered particularly attractive but they are very safe investments because they are backed by the Government. "If your objective is to beat infla-tion these will achieve that and allow you to rest easy at night." said Mr Dear. Wally Kulczycki, at J&H Marsh & McLennan, a Manchester financial adviser, recommends with-profits

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An inheritance paid off for Pin after initial doubts about Magwitch in Great Expectations

considerable criticism in the past, largely because of irresponsible marketing. They are offered by insurance companies and invest in the group's with-profit funds which means that peaks and troughs in stock markets are smoothed out.

Investors buy units in the fund which have a face value and to which bonuses are added at the rate quoted. Provided investors hold their units for a certain length of time, often ten years, they are guaranteed to get the face value of their units plus the bonuses that have been dded and usually a terminal bonus as well, if stock market conditions are favourable.

However, if you have to cash in the policy early when stock market conditions are poor and the value of the underlying units is less than the face value, the insurance company reserves the right to claw back some of the money by applying a mar-ket level adjustment factor.

Tim Cockerill, investment director at Whitechurch Securities, says: "We like these because they are halfway between deposits and equities and take the fluctuations out of the markets." He says choose a product on the basis of the quality of the provider rather than because it pays the highest rate. A reversionary bonus rate of 6.5-7 per cent is typical and investors should be wary of companies paying much more. than this.

Another choice is guaranteed income bonds. These are singlepremium life assurance policies, offered by insurance companies, that have a fixed life usually between one and five years - and offer your capital back and a known rate of return. Rates vary with the amount and length of the investment. The larger the investment and the longer you are preparhigher the rate of return. Lower sums of money — £5,000 or less - are now paying 5-5.2 per cent net for a five-year bond with gher sums up to 6.6 per cent. The advantage of these is that

they are relatively secure investments and pay higher rates than building societies. The downside, however, is that you cannot really get at your money you are locking into a certain rate of interest for up to five years. This is an advantage when interest rates fall, but a disadvantage when they rise.

Mr Cockerill says: "Rates on bonds are improving as base rates rise and these are low-risk investments. However, there is a danger of locking yourself into a fixed rate of return. I would advise investors not to go for more than three years."

rotected funds are another low-risk investment. Close Brothers, the quoted merchant bank is a pi-oneer in this field. Protected unit trusts are like normal ones except they use derivatives to minimise risks from market crashes and volatility. Marc Gordon, managing director of Close Brothers, says: "These funds smooth out the volatility of stock market investment while allowing investors to benefit from some of, or at times all, or more than, market growth."

Close Brothers has three protected funds - Escalator 100 which protects 100 per cent of the investor's capital and Escalator 95, which protects 95 per cent of capital but gives more exposure to a rising market. The company has just launched a third trust, Close World Escalator Unit Trust, for expo-

sure to international markets. The company prides itself on the fact that any returns generated are locked in on a threemonth basis and once locked in

investors can withdraw money at any time. Like any unit trust this takes about five days. The advantage of these funds has been illustrated during the recent volatility in the stock market. During the three months, the FTSE 100 rose 2.4 per cent. During the same period the Escalator 100 unit trust rose 3.6 per cent and the Escalator 95 trust 5.6 per cent.

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Of course there is a price to pay for the security offered by these funds and the returns you get may not be as good as top-performing funds that are fully invested in equities. But over one year to August 31, 1997, the Close fund has performed well. The average UK growth fund rose 16.5 per cent and the Close UK Escalator 95 fund rose by 20.3 per cent. The best performer over the year, Exeter Capital Growth unit trust, rose by 31.8 per cent.

The Escalator 100 fund rose 10.4 per cent but this is to be expected because more money is set aside to provide the protection. Over the same period the Halifax Solid Gold 30-day account rose just 2.5 per cent. Edinburgh Fund Managers' Safety First fund fell by just 0.32 per cent in the first four weeks of October when the FTSE 100 fell 8.37 per cent. Nigel Whittingham, group

sales marketing director, says he recognises these funds are not for everyone but they are particularly suitable for certain investors such as those approaching retirement who have achieved particularly good returns and do not want to risk losing them at the last minute.

But some financial advisers have reservations. Mr Kulczycki says: "Investors must balance the cost of protection against the likely reward of being in a protected scheme compared with the rewards of being in a top-performing unit

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while Clare Stewart examines options for maximising income in the later years

# Strength through diversity

Successful financial plan-ning is not just about preparing for good times ahead — exotic holidays, dream homes or roaring about on a Harley Davidson

in your twilight years.
It also means being able to respond to the unexpected, such as a serious illness, something which can produce as much financial as physical anxiety.

A question that has been raised by a reader of The Times is one that may be familiar to many people. A married couple both in their early seventies are looking for advice on how to diversify their existing portfolio of investments to increase their income.

They are looking to boost their investment returns because the husband suffered a stroke earlier in the year and may now require longer-term care in a nursing home. Although his existing pension should cover most of the possible costs, the main concern is to ensure a decent income for his wife and to meet any extra unforeseen

Weekend Money talked to five independent financial advisers to see what each would suggest. The couple already have a substantial investment portfolio based on blue chip shares, which has produced good returns to date given the strength of the stock market

M ark Bolland of Cham-berlain de Broe: "You need to start by establishing what income you need and building a portfolio around that. In addition, Mr Bolland says that it is important to consider the degree to which you want to protect your

The difficulty for income seekers at the moment is that yields are relatively low but one option to consider would be to switch a proportion of the existing portfolio to fixed interest investments, with the rest n a spread of shares including righer yielding equities.

"Good quality preference shares are worth looking at." be put into a personal equity plan. Preference shares offer a fixed return unlike ordinary shares where the dividend payout will fluctuate depend-

ing on the company's success." Preference share holders will also be repaid ahead of ordinary shareholders in the event of the issuing company going under. Attractive preference shares he recommends include those issued by The Bank, Commercial Union and Royal & Sun Alliance, all of which are yielding about 8 per cent.

Graham Hooper of Chase de Vere: Fixed-interest investments were also on Graham Hooper's shopping list. Government bonds or gilts may not offer capital appreciation but, with the yield curve moving down at present, it could be a good opportunity to

buy he says. Corporate bonds are another option he would consider, including the Commercial Union Monthly Income Plus product which is currently offering a 7.5 per cent yield. For investors over 65. The National Savings Pensioners Bond offers 7 per cent interest

gross at present. It pays out monthly for a five-year period and you can get your money back early. though it will incur a penalty

of loss of interest. A further area to investigate would be higher income and growth funds offering yields of around 5 per cent, Mr Hooper

Mike Neumann of BESt Investment: Property is an area sometimes overlook-ed by private investors in search of healthy returns, but a well-managed fund with a good portfolio and a good tenant mix is worth consider-ing." Mr Neumann likes the look of a unit trust - Norwich Union Property, for example - where the yield is about 5.3 per cent. "

Preference shares may also be useful income earners, and until 1999 will retain their relief from advanced corporation tax. One way of investing in a spread of preference shares is through a unit trust such as Thornton's Preference Share Trust, where the yield is about 7.8 per cent, "It is a strong way of adding a higher level of income," he added.

Richard Hunter of Holden Meehan: It is important that anyone looking at switching investments around understands the implications of eating into capital, says Richard Hunter.

With a good equity portfolio earning an income of about 4 per cent, taking out more than this amount for investment elsewhere will affect capital. Before transferring money into different products or other forms of investment, with their attendant charges, he recommends taking a close look at the existing blue-chip portfolio to ensure it is being managed to maximum efficiecy.

The advantage of the privately managed portfolio is its flexibility," he said. If, for example, there was a requirement for a specific amount of extra income, at the end of the tax year, the stockbroker could look at the options offered by "bed and breakfasting."

This is a commonly used means of minimising capital gains tax liabilities on investment profits, by selling shares to establish a profit up to the level of a single or joint capital gains tax allowance, and then repurchasing the same shares. Instead of putting the same

amount back into these shares, a proportion of the capital and profits could be taken as income.

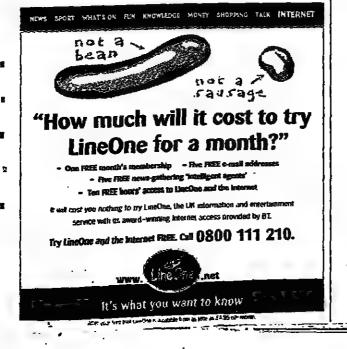
profit bonds might be considered by investors who want some of their equity portfolio less exposed to the stock market's uncertainties.

ndrew Merricks, of Simp-A sons of Brighton, said: "In seeking to diversify investments, there is no harm in look at gilts and corporate bonds while also ensuring personal equity plan allow-ances are maximised. Highincome bonds can offer attractive headline rates of return but it is vital to look at the small print on the conditions governing bonus payments and the return of

capital Some split-capital investment trusts similarly can offer impressive returns but at the expense of capital repayment." He suggested that one option would be to switch a small part of the existing portfolio to take advantage of such geared income payments, while the rest goes on growing to replenish the capital base.

"It is also important to ensure that there is some element of capital protection for the spouse," said Mr Merr-

One option here could be a distribution bond which includes joint life assurance. A distribution bond offers a higher yield, being based on a mix of equities, gilts and a sector such as property. Bonds such as those offered by Sun Life pay out twice a year or more, offering the opportunity to take or reinvest the income.





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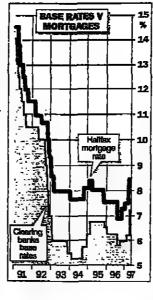
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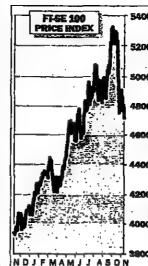
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# WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

# Back to the good old days

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From Mr D. Christian Sir, As with Mr Radice (Rambling around with £8,700. Letters, November 1) I dislike the pretentiousness of the "Senior Customer Adviser Consultant Executive" for some who are but functionaries devoid of ini-

tiative and discretion.
So I was delighted this week to receive stationery from the Alliance wherein ed in full by the dispatcher,

below which was the simple title - Clerk. Sir, I am quite excited by this and after a suitable period of restraint intend really to chance my arm and ask if there lurks in the background the answer to so many of your correspondent's problems

 a Chief Clerk. Yours faithfully, DENIS CHRISTIAN, The Town House, Kemp Town, Brighton.

# Not what the bank wants — what we want

From Mr J. Chambers Sir, I was pleased to see (You will multifunction and like it, Weekend Money Letters, November 1) that I am not alone in objecting to banks issuing multifunction cards.

A few years ago the Jack Committee Report on Personal Banking recommended that customers should have a choice of what facilities they required, and that they should not be forced to accept multifunction cards. The only gesture that banks have made towards this is to offer to withhold the issue of a PIN. In my case, I want a simple cashcard (which I needn't worry too much about losing) and a debit card number (for

telephone transactions) but without the debit card itself (which, as Mr Pardoe points out, is too risky). I have never needed a cheque guarantee card, and to have this function added to a card means that the card cannot safely be kept with a chequebook. The only solution seems to be to accept a multifunction card and then deface it such

that the embossed numbers

and unwanted symbols can-

not be read, and the signature

space cannot be used, while

preserving the magnetic strip for use in a cash dispenser. Can any bank offer a tidier solution?

Yours faithfully JOHN CHAMBERS, 24 Green Lane,

From Mr D. Spink
Sir, Through your columns
may I say to Alan Pardoe "No Sir, you are not alone". I too have no wish to have any truck with credit cards, cashcards, Switch, PIN numbers, and the plethora of other plastic the banks keep attempting to foist on me.

I changed my bank to First Direct a couple of years ago as I thought the telephone facility was useful: the downside is that I am obliged to have a card which is also a cashcard and a Switch. While I can exercise the right not to use the cashcard by simply refusing to have a PIN number, there is no way I can remove the

Switch facility. become entitled to the state retirement pension and I have chosen to have this paid into a Giro account run by the Alliance & Leicester as it was the only bank that I could find

that was still prepared to issue a simple cheque guarantee card though only with a £50 limit. Should they be willing to issue one with a £100 limit I would immediately close my main bank account with First

rent banking activity to them. Why don't banks wake up to the fact that we are not enamoured of plastic? Cost, they will cry, but I, for one, would be prepared to go back to paying low-level bank charges if they will give me the service that I, the customer, want and

not what suits them.

Many of my younger friends ask in astonishment why I don't want a cashcard but my answer is always the same: security, and who the devil wants to bank in the Yours faithfully,

DAVID SPINK. 66 Ryecroft Avenue, York.

In January next year In his distant for Lord lone in ecome entitled From Mrs V.G. Jenkins tronic finance thrust unwanted into his wallet.

> Bardays Bank recently renewed my Barclaybank cash machine card with one useable also as a debit card. There

was no prior warning of this change and with the new card came the offer of insurance in the event of its theft and

When I queried at my branch whether this was not an admission that the bank Direct and move all my curwas exposing me to the risk of such fraud without first obtaining my consent to a change in the terms on with my account was operated, they merely assured me it was being done in the interest of

So I wrote to Barclays' head office in London, whose Cus-tomer Service Unit reminded me helpfully that customers were under no obligation to use the debit card facility. Nobody at Barclays would

comment on my suggestion that this issuing of unwanted electronic products was a flagrant breach of the Code of Banking Practice, but whatever their defence, I feel it is an abuse of the relationship between bank and customer. My response? Get a better bank. Yours faithfully, GWYNNE JENKINS.

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The Abbey National be-came the first large lender to raise its loan rate in response to last week's interest rate increase. The Abbey National, which has million borrowers. pushed its standard rate up by 0.25 per cent on Tuesday.

Following the Abbey's lead, on Wednesday Northern Rock announced an increase in its standard variable rate by 0.25 per cent to 8.70 per cent with effect from December 1 for existing customers. Other large lenders are expected to follow suit. -

☐ The fall in the UK stock market over the past six weeks has wiped almost £400 million off the value of Commercial Union's shareholders' funds, the composite insurer admitted on Wednesday. Commercial Union was hit by the strength of sterling and said that operating profits would have been £50 million higher but for exchange-rate

☐ Dozens of investment firms could face exclusion from the Financial Services Authority, the new superwatchdog launched last month by Gordon Brown. As part of a vetting process to ensure that members of the new body meet its standards of regulation, the FSA has reserved the right

to ask companies to re-

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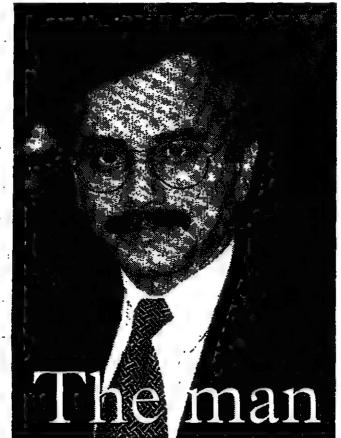
though the vast majority of

ic entry to the FSA, a few cases may be subjected to rigorous scrutiny. Attention will fall on mainly smaller firms with a poor regulatory record, such as IFAs that have failed to gain entry to the Personal Investment Authority.

☐ Care First, the nursing home company that was recently troubled by boardroom disputes, is hoping that a revival in its profits and the interest of other potential bidders will defeat a £241 million takeover bid from Bups, the health insurance and hospitals group. The company believes that increased government funding and rising occupancy of newty completed homes justify an offer nearer 200p a share, rather than the 150p that Bupa is offering.

Helen Liddell, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, announced on Thursday that new rules are to be introduced that will make it more difficult for dissident building soci ety members to force a

society to demunialise In future, 50 per cent of all savers and borrowers must take part in a conversion vote. The previous turnout requirement was 20 per cent of members. This brings societies into line where 50 per cent of shareholders must cast their votes for or against a bid.



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Paul Ham, Money Editor

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trast comes with impeccable credentials: no less an investor, than

Six John Templeton, founder of Templeton Growth Fund in 1954. has given it his support. In June 1995, Templeton asked Manek to manage 15m of his personal wealth, raising this to £10m last year. Manek's investment strate gy lifted the fund to £13m, all of which will be unitised and placed in his new part trust...

...[Manck's] strategy will involve adeaniving a company's attringic qualities, including relative strength within its sector and long term carnings per share growth. Fantasy Star Launches Pond

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NB The hypothetical investment netures gamed under the rules of The Sunday Times Fantasy Fund Manager Competition (1994 & 1995) should not be construed as an indication of real investment returns. The Manek Growth Fund will hold a much broader spread of shares and adopt a longer term investment strategy.

# e man who came first launches his first UK fund

### A winning investor

Jayesh Manek's success story continues. Following his successive victories in the THE SUNDAY TIMES Fantasy Fund Manager Competitions (1994 & 1995) comes the launch of his first unit trust - the Manek Growth Fund.

# Invest alongside Sir John Templeton

Jayesh's share picking ability has already attracted the attention of Sir John Templeton, the legendary investment guru who established the Templeton Growth Fund in 1954.

In July 1995 Sir John asked Jayesh to manage £5m of his personal funds. He added a further £5m in June last year. On 31 October 1997 this portfolio was worth over £13m and will be transferred into the new Fund.

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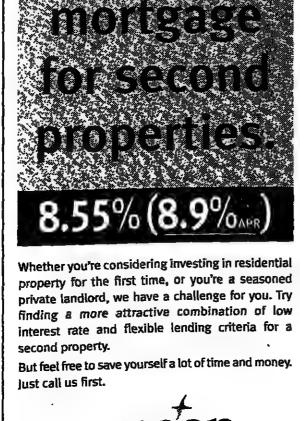
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# New deals prove more flexible

Competition to provide innovative home loans

has been hotting up,

say Gavin Lumsden and Susan Emmett

ompetition among lenders to improve the flexibility they offer homebuyers has intensified since the Government's call for a better deal for borrowers two months ago.

Flexible mortgages, which allow bor-rowers to pay off their loans early or build up a reserve by overpaying which they can draw upon in times of need, have become increasingly popular as job insecurity has grown. Last month Virgin launched its One Account, one of a new breed of flexible loan called the current account mortgage which take the concept further by issuing borrowers with chequebooks and charge cards. With the advent of these new "loans", borrowers are being encouraged to manage all their finances with one account and end the traditional separation of mortgage and savings. However, uncertainty as to whom the products are suitable for is being fuelled by the differing marketing strategies of lenders.

This week Kleinwort Benson announced it was upgrading its flexible mortgage into the Client Account. This is a current account mortgage by any other name with the same 8.2 per cent variable rate as Virgin One. However. both appear to be attacking different markets. Virgin aims to take on high street banks and become a lender to the



O ne person who has already got the flexible message is Linda Rogoff, an interior designer, who lives in Hampstead, North London. She said: "My work is very much famine to feast. I like the freedom this mortgage." gives me to vary my payments and pay off the loan early. When I took out the mortgage in August I was able to transfer my savings into the account which immediately reduced my debt. Overpaying cuts down on the interest I have to pay. Because the interest is saved and not earned I do not get taxed on it as I would in a normal savings account." Ms Rogoff is looking forward to the long-term benefits of paying off the loan early — she has not yet used the debit card or chequebook the account gives her.

£15,000 - while Kleinwort Benson is focusing on those who earn more than £50,000 a year. There are other differences. Kleinwort will only usually lend 80 per cent of the value of the property, while Virgin is prepared to lend nearer 100 per cent and will consider more generous multiples of income. But the

main difference with the Client Account for the well heeled is that they get a client manager. By encouraging the income-rich to pay off their loan early it hopes to turn them into the asset-rich who will pass their wealth to Kleinwort

Benson portfolio managers. Legal & General, meanwhile, is going

for those who like to play on the Internet. This week it launched InterPlan, a new financial planning site on the World Wide Web available to anyone with a modern and a PC. The first service on offer is the group's flexible mortgage, the Flexible Reserve launched in 1995. Not an obvious choice, but L&G admits that its customers are two and a half times more likely to have used the Internet than the average Briton, About 10,000 people visit their existing site a month, ten times more than a year ago. Most are male, under 40 years old and homeowners with an income of more than £30,000. More than 40 per cent are working in IT. Conveniently, this also fits the profile of their flexible mortgage borrowers. With current interest rates of 7.7 per

cent for loans up to 95 per cent of a property's value, Legal & General's flexible mortgage is one of the cheapest on the market. The Royal Bank of Scotland also offers 7.7 per cent for loans up to 95 per cent as well as free unemployment insurance for four years. Sainsbury's Bank charges less for smaller loans, offering a rate of 7.45 per cent for loans up to 75 per cent of property value, although loans of up to 95 per cent carry a rate of 7.9 per cent.

At the same time, Mortgage Trust, whose Current Account Mortgage was the first in the market, said it would increase the amount it would lend to borrowers in the new year from 75 to 90 per cent. Figures from Mortgage Trust show how overpayment can work. A borrower with a £75,000 25-year repayment mortgage on the lender's 8.24 per cent variable rate would pay £591 a month. Paying £50 more a month would clear the loan nearly five and a half years early, saving £26,673 in interest.

# Santa Eddie's present for homebuyers

ddie George's Christ-mas present to home-buyers is a rise in mortgage rates. The Governor of the Bank of England's 0.25 per cent base rate increase this month has prompted the Ab-

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cent to 8.70 per cent with effect from December I, making the repayment on a £50,000 loan ES a month more expensive. Since the election, Abbey's

mortgage rates have risen five times, giving a total increase of £42 on a £50,000 loan. The Abbey is loudly promising improved returns for its savers, but only customers in its Investor 90 account have so far been informed of the higher rates. Although, to date, only Northern Rock has followed

the Abbey's example, most other lenders will follow, as the trend in interest rates now seems irresistibly upwards. Only the Alliance & Leicester, Nationwide and Bradford & Bingley, have pledged that they will not change their

ber one in the mortgage market, is still considering its options. Other lenders say that the Halifax is hanging back partly because it does not want the Abbey to be seen as setting rates for the industry.

s the largest lender, the Halifax believes that it should play this all-powerful role. The Halifax may also wait until it becomes clear whether there will be a further base rate rise next month. Northern Rock cited the possibility of another base rate increase as the major reason for its decision to move rates. It believes that the Bank of England wants to see mortgage repayments rise. If lenders delay increases, this will only make the pain worse

for borrowers because the

Bank of England will order larger than anticipated base

A Halifax spokesman refused to be drawn on the timing of any change. He said: "We are under no immediate pressure to move our rates." He conceded, however, that the bank was watching to see what changes its competitors made to their savings

The increase in mortgage rates highlights the wide margins that now exist between standard variable rates and special discounted and fixedrate loan deals. The millions who pay the standard variable rate are forced to subsidise new borrowers who are being offered fixed rates of 6.50 per cent or less.

At some lenders different standard variable rates apply. Those who borrow through Northern Rock Direct, the bank's telephone arm, are charged a variable rate of 6.89 per cent.

Existing customers at most lenders are not automatically offered a chance to horrow at preferential rates. They are often obliged to threaten to remortgage with a rival before being allowed to take advantage of lower-rate packages.

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remortgaging to save on their monthly repayments can be assured that the amazing array of discounted deals will continue to be available for the next few weeks. Most lenders have not met their business targets for the sec-ond half of the year and so are keen to attract customers.

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# Ever felt left in the dark?

with less than five months to the end of the tax year. the tax year, investors are still being kept in the dark about the future of Peps

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, announced the intro-duction of a new tax-efficient savings product - the individual savings account (Isa) - in last July's Budget. But although the Isa will be based on the Pep and Tessa, and is expected to replace both schemes from 1999, the Government has not revealed how existing investments will be

Howard Flight, deputy chairman of Guinness Flight Hambro, the investment group, and Conservative MP for Arundel and South Downs, has attacked the Government for its tardiness in providing information crucial to making long-term investment decisions. He said: "I think it is

outrageous. Millions of people invest in these products, many have based their mortgages on Peps. Yet here we are, a few months from the end of the tax year when most investors make decisions, and we are without any guide as to what the tax environment will be." In particular, Mr Flight told whether existing Peps and

and investment allowances will apply to the Isa. Most people in the invest-ment industry believe that the Government will allow current Pep investors to transfer some of their existing holdings into the new Isa. Many expect a ceiling on the amount that can be transferred - probably

Tessas will retain their current

tax incentives and what tax

around El00.000. Recent speculation has sugAdvisers and investors are outraged that details have not been issued about Isas, says Jill Insley

will limit tax relief on income earned within an Isa to 10 per cent. If true, this will come as a blow to those investors who rely on the tax-free yields provided by income and corporate-bond Peps. Peps currently offer full tax relief. For a higher-rate tax-

gested that the Government

payer, such a move would have reduced the income paid out over the past year on a £10,000 investment in the Jupiter Income unit trust - one of the larger income funds at £675 million — from approxi-mately £600 gross to £533. Martin Mullany, a director

'Here we are, a few months from the end of the tax year, without any guide as to the tax environment

of Brooks Macdonald Gayer. an independent financial admation will be provided in the green Budget on November 25. He added: "If the Government still says nothing about its plans, investors should continue putting money into Peps and Tessas. They will benefit from the tax advantages in the meantime, and may well be able to transfer their investments at little, if

any, cost into the Isa."

Chris Wicks, a financial planning manager with Kidsons impey Scott Lang, a Manchester chartered accountant, agrees. "People who have existing Peps now should continue to invest in them. But it is more important than ever to concentrate on the quality of the underlying investments, so they will continue to do well if and when the tax benefits are

According to the current rules, investors can still invest £6,000 in a general Pep, and £3,000 in a single-company Pep, for the 1997-98 and 1998-

99 tax years.

Mr Mullany currently recommends Credit Suisse Income and Perpetual High Income for income-seekers. and Gartmore European Select Opportunities and Henderson European Special Situations for those wanting capital growth. Mr Wicks recommends Perpetual and Schroder Peps, because both management companies offer a good range of funds that can be mixed and marched within

their Peps. Savers can also continue depositing money in Tessas up to a maximum of £3,000 in the first year, followed by annual payments of £1,800 in the next three years and up to £600 in the fifth and final year. Likewise, people with Tessas due to mature before April 1999 can take advantage of follow-on rules.

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Why the Japanese are ringing their brokers



Patrick Collinson explains why erroneous commissions gave a nil return after 14 years

# How £5,000 rose to just £5,004

ack Gerrard, 52, a Coventry businessman, had terminal cancer diagnosed eight months ago. Despite the ordeal of a five-hour operation and extensive chemotherapy, he set about sorting out his financial affairs to guarantee the future security of his wife

and eight-year-old son. Mr Gerrard, a former lorry mechanic, built a successful business in the iate 1980s manufacturing lorry suspen-sion springs. He recalled that he had paid a £5,000 lump sum into a pension with Sun

He obtained a quote for the value of the policy. Fourteen years after paying Sun Alliance £5,000, he was told its value now was £5,004.36p—an increase of precisely £4,36p, and a return of less than 0.1 per cent. Even if the money had simply been left in a Halifax 90-day account, it would have grown to more than £13,000.

"I was absolutely speechless. I want the money for funeral expenses and the like. I was in shock," said Mr Gerrard, who has given up work and is confined to his bed two to three days a week.

There is no great mystery as to why Mr Gerrard's policy has performed so appallingly. It is to do with how commission can erroneously be extracted from a personal pension, how much an adviser receives and how much a life and pensions company keeps.

Mr Gerrard recalls receiving from his tax adviser at the time, a partner with McCranors, a Coventry firm of ac-countants, two different quotes for a pension — one based on his paying £5,000 every year (an annual premium) and one based on a one-off lump sum payment of £5,000.

The adviser came to Mr Gerrard's workshop, and while still in his blue overalls,



Jack Gerrard, left, with his brother Robert, was stunned when told the £5,000 he had invested 14 years before had become £,5,004

THE LESSONS FROM MR GERRARD'S CASE

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finances. Mr Gerrard would have

received a notice from Sun Alliance

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Mr Gerrard said: "I don't

telling him that his policy was going to

This would have alerted him to the fact

Mr Gerrard signed the cheque for £5,000. Being self-em-ployed and subject to irregular earnings, he says he opted for the lump-sum policy.

His adviser selected Sun Alliance. But when Sun Alliance received the policy pro-

■ IF YOU are subject to irregular

earnings, a regular premium pension
— indeed any regular premium

policy - does not make sense. Roddy Kohn, of Kohn Cougar, a firm of

financial advisers, who is also a board

Authority, said: "When you know your

a regular premium contract, make sure

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should give serious consideration to

single contributions. If you do take

income is likely to fluctuate, you

posal, it was marked as an annual premium policy. Rather than paying the ad-

iser commission of typically £250 for a lump-sum pension. Sun Alliance (it refuses to reveal exact figures) would have paid the adviser commis-

sion of about £2,500, the typical payout on a regular premium £5,000 policy. The money was duly extracted

from Mr Gerrard's policy. However, McCranors insists that Mr Gerrard opted have been of no benefit for us for a regular premium policy.

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although it says that it has not kept records as far back as

Mike Wilson, a partner of McCranors, said: "I feel very sorry for him, but I don't know what this is all about. It would

to do this, as the commission would be clawed back by Sun Alliance after one year when the policy lapsed. I totally refute any suggestion that we stitched up Mr Gerrard." But if the commission

payout was clawed back by Sun Alliance, why is Mr Ger-rard still out of pocket? The answer is that Sun Alliance, back commission into Mr Gerrard's policy, kept the

When contacted by Weekend Money, the recently-merged Royal & Sun Alliance claimed that the commission reclaimed goes into defraying costs which would otherwise have been recouped over the full term of a regular policy. It refused to recredit the clawedback commission to Mr Gerrard and says that if he is not satisfied he can refer his case to the PIA Ombudsman.

Mr Gerrard's case has been taken up by another broker. Tony Bridgland of Bridgland Insurance Brokers in Rye. East Sussex. He firmly believes that commission clawed back by a pensions company belongs not to that company but should be recredited to the

He believes it is time for brokers to accept that indemnity commission — paying com-mission "upfront" rather than spreading it over the life of a policy — should be banned. He said: The financial regulators get uptight about small things such as what is on your business cards, yet they do nothing about huge upfront

"Taking indemnity commission is running on thin ice—you must keep your fingers crossed that clients will pay future premiums. Indeed, indemnity commission is at the root of so many of the scams that afflict the industry from time to time."

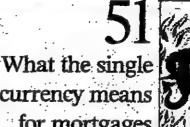
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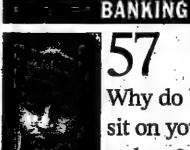


Anne Ashworth on the Tesco savings saga

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Why do banks sit on your money so long?





WEEKEND MONEY is edited by Anne Ashworth

### There is growing concern Concern grows may be unable to keep its pledges to both the low-paid on balancing and Pep investors if it is to get the individual savings account

broaden the appeal of savings. will supersede the Pep and Tessa tax-free investment schemes in 1999. Gordon Brown, when announcing the Isa in July, promised that he would aim to help people on

low incomes to get on the sav-ings wagon while building on the success of Peps and Tessas. However, fears are rising that the Government may have to choose one option over the other. Maintaining tax reliefs for existing holders of Peps and Tessas will leave little scope to bring a new wave of savers in, it is argued, while redirecting tax relief to encourage new savers, as Labour promised to do in

> BY GAVIN LUMSDEN Tesco's foray into financial services goes from bad to worse. This week it emerged that the

supermarket's personal finance venture with the Royal Bank of Scotland is

offering compensation payments to frustrated savers who have spent weeks trying to open an account or get through on the new bank's helpline.

One woman in Cheshire has been offered £100 by Tesco on top of a

promise to backdate interest to September 25, the date when she first applied for the Instant Savings Account.

Tesco refused to reveal how much it was paying in compensation and interest but said only I per cent of customers had problems. It has been overwhelmed by the 150,000 applications it received in just four weeks for the account,

lief on income from investments, though it would roll up free of capital gains tax.

This proposal runs counter to a leaked report that the Revenue was thinking of an Isa with a £10,000 annual limit (a com-bination of the levels for Peps and Tessas) and an undefined

> roll up free of capital gains tax and have 10 per cent income tax relief. A lifetime limit could disad

managers, who say equity-based Isas would be impractical for such small sums. However, Marion Poole, of the AFS, said: "We took the Government at its word when it said it wanted to attract lowincome people who have lost the habit of saving. A £10,000 ceiling fails that task. Many people would see that figure and assume the Isa is not for them. A lot of tax relief at the moment is going to middle-class people already saving."

posed by the AFS alarm Pep

Tom King, of Standard Life, said Isas should be aimed at the 14 million wage-carners who cannot afford to save, rather than the seven million with Peps and Tessas. He rates the twin aims of keeping Pep people and attracting low-income people as "almost irreconcilable". Ministers'should co-ordinate work on the Isa with their Stakeholder Pension initiative, he said.

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### (Isa) off the ground (Gavin Lumsden writes). act over Isas The isa, central to Government's plans to simplify and doning existing investors. These fears were heightened

this week when the Association of Friendly Societies (AFS) pub-

lished its proposals for the Isa. The AFS, unlike other bodies putting ideas to the Revenue, called for low limits on Isa investments. It envisages two schemes. Savers could put up to £600 a year into scheme A. matched by employers, but would get a 25 per cent bonus taking the contribution to £750. Scheme B would have a £3,000 annual ceiling and a £30,000 lifetime maximum. Unlike

## vantage people who have built up substantial sums in Peps

Tesco's savers lose interest

Four-minute warning: James Sugden tried to cancel but could not get through

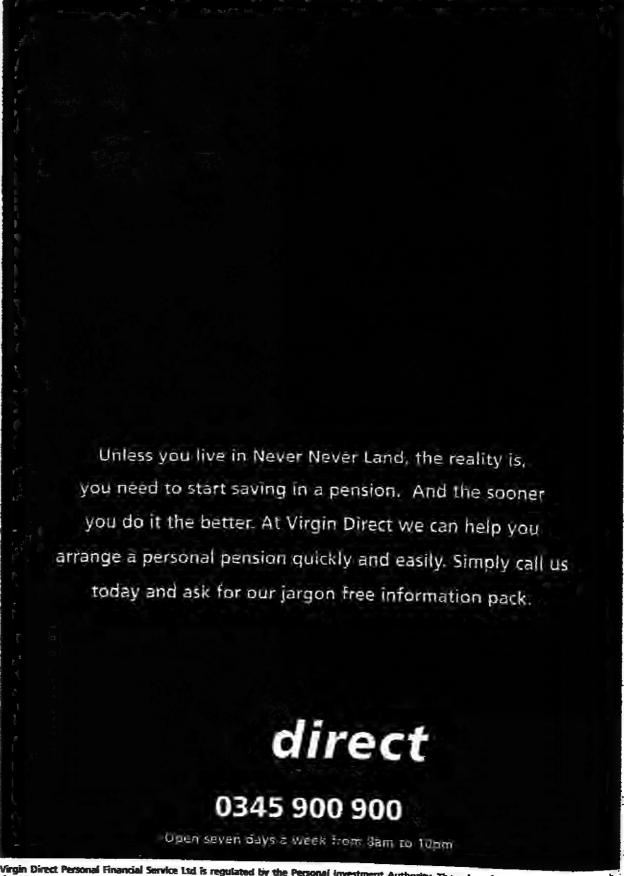
which pays 6.5 per cent gross interest and offers 1,000 points on the store's Clubcard until the year end. Three weeks ago it said it was hiring compensation offer she still does not new staff to cope with the demand. However, inexperienced personnel have done nothing to inspire confidence. After failing to get through on the 0345 104010 helpline, the woman rang Royal Bank of Scotland, Tesco's

partner in the venture, in Glasgow. Her first call confirmed that the account had been opened on October 10. When, last week, she had still not received any details for it, let alone a cashpoint card, she rang again, only to be told, by someone new, that she had been lied to before and that her cheque for £401.95 had been lost. Despite the know if her account has been opened, or if a direct debit from her NatWest account is going ahead. "For £400 I'm not going to cut my throat but I am very annoyed. What makes it worse is that my husband applied for Sainsbury's instant-access account and it took just seven days to come through."

unes Sugden, a former electronics engineer in Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire, has achieved slightly more success, but an equal amount of aggravation with Tesco Personal Finance. He finally received his cashcard

and account details weeks after applying Ironically, his inability to get through may keep him a Tesco customer. He has spent the past few weeks trying to cancel the account, using the 0345 104010 number. "It is the most infuriating phone system. Last week I blew my top after I spent 4 minutes 40 seconds listening to a message thanking me for my patience.

Much of the problem lies with the few options on Tesco's automated helpline menu. Option 2 deals with Clubeard Plus inquiries and loans and savings.



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# Romance that lit Britain's hearts

Alan Hamilton explains how a nation ravaged by austerity greeted the fairytale marriage

n hearing the news, in the summer of 1947, that Princess Elizabeth had become engaged to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, RN, the Carnden Town Number One branch of the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers wrote immediately and directly to George VI.

The trades unionists of north bondon were less than overjoyed at the announcement.
"Any banqueting and display of wealth at your daughter's wedding will be an insult to the British people at the present time, and we would consider that you would be well advised to order a very quiet wedding in keeping with the times."

Camden's carpenters had a more specific concern on their minds. "May we also remind you that should you declare the wedding day a public holiday you will have a word beforehand with the London Master Builders' Association to ensure we are paid for it."

There can rarely have been a worse time for a display of conspicuous consumption than the closing months of 1947. A multimillion dollar American loan had run out and the nation was flat broke. Everything was in such short supply that people looked wistfully to the war years as a time of relative plenty; there was no petrol for pleasure motoring, foreign holidays were banned, the potato ration was cut to 3lb per person a week, and bacon to loz.

a week, and bacon to 102.

Hugh Dalton, the Chancellor, in a phrase that would be
echoed in another context 45

years later, described 1947 as his annus horrendus.

But in such grim and joyless times, what the people really wanted was a party, or what the old phrasemaker Churchill called "a flash of colour on the hard road we have to travel". There was a yearning for fun, for even a tiny taste of glamour, for the promise of a brighter world to come — pleasures there had been precious little of for a decade.

Clement Attlee's Labour Cabinet embraced the idea with enthusiasm and relatively little argument — provided, of course, that it was on the cheap. Dalton had to reassure the Commons that the only cost to the taxpayer would be the decorations in Whitehall and outside Buckingham Palace, and all the other expenses would be borne by the King through the Civil List.

For a Labour government with its back to the wall, a royal wedding was the perfect diversion, and well they knew it. Tony Blair did not invent the concept of a People's Princess when he so described the late Diana, Princess of Wales. Attlee's Cabinet thought of it first.

The Royal Family in 1947 enjoyed exceptionally high standing, having fully recovered from the brief trauma of the abdication crisis in 1936. George VI had not only proved himself the valiant and muchloved figurehead of a nation at war, he and his wife and daughters appeared to embody.

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Princess Alexandra: born on Christmas Day 1936. Daughter of Prince George, Duke of Kent, who died in an air crash in 1942. Her mother. Princess Marina of Greece, was a cousin of Prince Two children: James Ogilvy, who was recently mauled by a shark while swimming on Mowatt, who has divorced her husband, photographer Paul Mowatt. Lives with husband, Sir Angus Ogilvy, in Richmond Park. Prince Michael of Kent: born 1942. Cousin of the Queen. Middle name Franklin, after President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Married Marie Christine von Reibnitz in 1978. Two children.

Lady Carolyn Montagu Douglas Scott: born 1927. Close friend of Princess Margaret. Sister of the Duke of Buccleuch. Married July 1951 to Ian, Lord Gilmour of Craigmillar. Five children.

the full name Diana Cinderella Mildred Bowes Lyon. Daughter of John Bowes Lyon, elder brother of the Queen Mother. Two of her sisters. Nerissa and Katherine, were mentally retarded and institutionalised at a home in

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# The attendants 50 years on



Lady Mary Cambridge: born 1924.

Left to right: Princess Alexandra, Prince Michael of Kent, Lady Caroline Montagu Douglas Scott (now Lady Gilmour), Diana Bowes Lyon (later Mrs Peter Somervell, died 1986), Prince William of Gloucester (killed in an air crash in 1972), Lady Pamela Mountbatten (now Hicks), Princess Margaret and Lady Margaret Egerton (now Colville)













Mother. Married in 1950 to Denys Rhodes, grandson of the 5th Lord Plunket, who died in 1981. Two sons and two daughters. Became Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen Mother. Lives in garden house in Windsor Great Park. Her son Simon, a page of honour to the Queen; pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey in 1975 to a charge of causing £92,000 damage by setting fire to his house at Harrow School. He was later

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Surrey. Nerissa died but Katherine is still at the home. Married Peter Somervell, son of industrialist Sir Arnold Samervell, in 1960. One Diana Bowes Lyon: born 1923 with child. Katherine. Died in 1986. Prince William of Gloucester: born 1941. Killed in a flying accident at the Goodyear Air Race near Wolverhampron on August 28, 1972. Never married, despite being something of a ladies' man.

Only child of the last Marquess of Cambridge, formerly Prince George of Teck. Married Peter Whitley, son of a former Chief Justice of Uganda, in November 1951. Two children. A favourite in royal circles: one of the people you never recognise at the end of the row on the balcony at the Palace. Lady Elizabeth Mary Lambart born 1924. Elder daughter of Field Marshal the Earl of Cavan, a chief

of staff to the Duke of York, the Queen's father, Married July 1949 to Mark Longman, of the eponymous publishers, who died in 1972. Three daughters: Caroline, an early escort of Prince Charles, Jane and Emma. Lives near Moreton-in-Marsh, in Gloucestershire.

Lady Margaret Egerton: born 1918. Known as Meg. Daughter of the Earl of Ellesmere and sister of the Duke of Sutherland, Brought

up at Bridgewater House, which was the largest private non-royal residence in London. Because of death duties, the house was sold, to the British Oxygen Company. First lady-in-waiting to Princess Elizabeth. In 1948, married the late Sir John Colville, private secretary to Princess Elizabeth, and later to Winston Churchill. Two sons and a daughter. Lady Margaret is Ladyin-waiting to the Queen Mother.

Her sister, Lady Alice Egerton, resigned as Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen in 1961 and committed suicide in 1977. Lady Pamela Mountbatten: born 1929. Younger daughter of Earl Mountbatten of Burma. Lady-in-

waiting to Princess Elizabeth on the trip to Kenya when she heard that her father, George VI, had died. Married David Hicks, an interior designer, in 1960. One son

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Continued from page I and cherish the highest vir-tues of family life, aided by chocolate-box vignettes of the little Princesses by a former nanny, Crawfie, in a women's weekly magazine. And there had not been a first-division royal wedding since Bertie married Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon in 1923, Edward VIII having proved a complete washout on that score.

Although there was a brief and dramatic increase in the divorce rate in 1947 - caused no doubt by a rush to untangle pairings - marriage was still a valued institution. More than 400.000 couples in England and Wales wed in that year, and more than a quarter of them have reached their golden anniversary. Today, fewer than 300,000 couples marry each year, and barely one-tenth are likely to achieve

their half-century. The impending marriage of the Heiress Presumptive to an uncomplicated and more or

less unforeign prince was a gift to the government. Here was a chance to show that a Labour administration intent on a programme of national-isation and a huge social revolution could still throw a decent old-fashioned royal bash, even in the

depths of austerity. Although Princess Elizabeth had had doubts about putting on a big show in such hard times, her father was determined that the wedding should be a grand occasion, even if he had to pay for most of it himself. Attlee

was a willing ally, but a much more unlikely one was Aneurin Bevan, a man of the people if ever there was one. "So long as Britain has one we ought never to lower the standards of the monarchy." he declared, giving his approval to an extra allowance of clothing coupons for the bride. But then, as now, there were backwoodsmen intent on reining in the enthusiasms of the party leadership. Willie Gallagher, the Communist MP and gritty voice of the Fife coalfields, questioned not only the supposed "lavish

expenditure" on

the wedding, but 'Labour the bridegroom's connections with could still the Greek throne. He was not alone; a group of back-bench Labour MPs throw a wrote a letter of decent protest to the Chief Whip about the royal bash' expenditure. They were off-target.

Very little public money was involved. The real argument was over the Civil List allowance for Princess Elizabeth and her husband. Chancellor Dalton took a hard line, being the renegade antimonarchist son of Canon Dalton, tutor to the young George V. He was largely a lone voice: there were even lewer true

republicans in the 1947 Labour Cabinet than at present.

By chance, Dalton was forced to resign shortly before the wedding over an unrelated Budget leak. He was replaced by the more sympathetic Sir Stafford Cripps, who ensured that Parliament not only voted an annual allowance of £50,000 for the Heiress Presumptive and £10,000 for her consort, but a further £50,000 to renovate Clarence House as their marital home.

Apart from the cost, the wedding preparations stirred a manic xenophobia in the darker corners of Westminster. All right, they moaned, we know the silk for the wedding dress has been woven in Dunfermline, but where did the silkworms come from? They had better not be Italian or Japanese, or bear the nationality of any other recent enemy. The govern-ment reassured the doubters that the worms were, in fact, from the friendly Nationalist China of Chiang Kai-shek.

The doubters and carpers proved to be entirely out of step with the public mood. The vernment had decided that a full-blown public holiday would be inappropriate, but it compromised by giving schoolchildren the day off.

Holiday or no, the public flocked to London in their hundreds of thousands. They wanted a glimpse of that wedding dress, made by Hartnell at a cost of £1,200 and 300 clothing coupons. The passion for fashion had

been reawakened that

summer by Dior launching the New Look in Paris (see Shopping, page 5) and Hartnell managed to provide the bride with a full trousseau, including going-away outfit he just happened to find a batch of prewar silk in an old cupboard in his workrooms.

Decades later royal marriages have developed a tendency to go wrong. But there must be a lesson in the fact that a true love match, made in a time of the utmost adversity, is the one that has endured.

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# A fairytale come to life

Elizabeth Longford recalls the excitement of a special day that symbolised the end of wartime and the start

of a brave new era

woke up very early on the morning of November 20, 1947, but not for the same reason as Princess Elizabeth probably did. I let Kevin cry for a minute or two as I wondered sleepily whether our treasured Princess would be in the same boat as me this time next year. (And sure enough she was — Prince Charles would be born on November 14, 1948.) Then I imagined Bobo MacDonald, Liliber's friend and dresser from childhood days, bringing the Princess her early morning tea - and I rose to give Kevin his breakfast. He was just 19

days old, having been born on November I, All Saints Day.
I cannot say it was anything but a grey day as we drove from Hampstead on that wedding morning to take our alloted seats in Westminster. Abbey. This privilege was due to Frank's being minister in charge of Germany in Clem Attlee's postwar Labour Government.

London was notably smoggier than Hampstead, but the crowds gathered in Parliament Square and around the Abbey did not mind. Most of them seemed to be young and had grown up in a shabby wartime world, where fuel and soap were rationed — they still were in 1947 — and nobody was worried about lying on sooty ground in an old sleeping bag. There were no Clean Air Acts then.

One of the ravishing things about this royal wedding was the way that our eyes were introduced again to swaths of shimmering silk, dazzling waterfalls of satin and glittering diamonds and pearls that had spent their war years in the bank. We were more used to seeing Princess Elizabeth in a forage cap than a tiara. The

As for her pearls, she was wearing them around her lovely neck - but only just. We did not know at the time, of course, that the pearls had accidentally been left at St James's Palace, along with the other wedding presents on display in aid of charity.

16-year-old schoolgiri had got the day off from school fit was not a national holiday because Attlee said the war-torn country could not afford one), and had arrived at 72m outside the Great West Door of the Abbey to share in the spectacle,

Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten was to enter by the Poet's Corner door and, indeed, he was as poetic-looking as any of the war poets to be commemorated there. However, it was the fairy princess the schoolgirl and her thousands of companions were breathlessly waiting to see. People had not much believed in fairles during the war - more in demons - and here was a royal princess suddenly reappearing in the fullest outpouring of magic glass coach, Household Cavairy, cloth of gold, velvet, fur, fanfares — the lot.

It was the Princess's smile that did it. The schoolgirl has grown up to become a close friend of mine and has never tired of describing that smile: You see, it came from inside. It was sheer radiance, because the Princess was so happy. She did not put on a smile or even give a smile. It was

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Princess Elizabeth in a camera portrait by Dorothy Wilding. "Her smile came from the inside . . . an expression of her magical happiness"

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Those of us inside the Abbey had a

different vision, but a vision pottetheless. Princess Elizabeth looked marvellously calm as she moved smoothly up the aisle on her father the King's arm. He and his daughter were perfectly matched in their walk, as in their ideals. As Clemmy Churchill, Winston's wife, said: "It was a shining marvel." We did not know at the time what the King was thinking at this most poignant moment in his life. We know now, because a letter he wrote to Princess Elizabeth on her honeymoon has been published.

His main theme was the charmed circle of the Royal Family: "Us four",

as he described it. This foursome, this "firm", as the King also liked to call the royal quartet, consisted of George VI himself, his wife Oueen Elizabeth and their two daughters Elizabeth and Margaret Rose.

To these four could of course be made additions "at suitable moments". Philip being the first of these additions. That Philip was "suitable" - in fact, necessary and more than welcome was conveyed to the doting father by the way his daughter made her responses. She said: "I will" with such conviction. It was then that he admitted being absolutely sure that the whole thing was "all right" being the very highest praise from

George VI: when Lady Elizabeth Bowes Lyon accepted his proposal of marriage, he telegraphed his parents, "All right, Bertie."

I was struck at the time by the concerted — and successful — effort to balance the element of royalty and ordinary humanity at this celebrated wedding. As the archbishop was eager to point out, the service was the same as would be heard in any village church up and down the land.

In a sense, the wedding was already tackling the crucial problem that besets the modern monarchy: how to be human and superhuman at one and the same time. Humanity's natural desire is always for two incompatible benefits: to be at once

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It is sad that so many who helped to make the Oueen's wedding the unique event it was have passed on her father, Lord Mountbatten, Bobo MacDonald, even Susan the corgi who shared the Princess's hot-water bottle in the honeymoon going away carriage — but it is glorious that her mother is as irresistible as ever, and

her husband as brilliant. We can do not better than repeat what we all shouted at the Coronation of Oueen Elizabeth II, also in Westminster Abbey: "Vivat Regina" and thank God for the blessings of a 50-year marriage that has been "all right" and so much, much more.

# Schoolboy adventure of sleeping in the Mall

Philip Howard highlights school

days at the time of the wedding

The Queen's wedding was not just half a L century ago, it really was in another country. We children had not only been let out of school, but even excused prep. We camped out all night on the Mall - north side, just down from the Victoria Monument, under coarse grey ARP (air-raid precautions) blankets hemmed in red. Under the supervision of one heavy-duty adult per child, wrapped up in our heavy-duty, cut-down overcoats with multiple scarves, stockings and mittens, we were provisioned with marge and jam sandwiches, lemonade and vacuum flasks of saccharined tea. The air was cold and damp.

But in that vanished world. when bedtime came strictly at 7 o'clock, with cocoa at weekends, after a minimum of two hours' prep, it was a big adventure. We had never been allowed to sleep out in the open before, except in the Anderson air-raid shelter, which stank of clay and - claustrophobia.

The untidy rows of sleepers behind the crush-barriers were as indomitable as the Londoners camping in the Tube whom Henry Moore sketched during the Blitz. But we were laughing and joking all night, just like Hollywood's image of stereotypical Londoners in Mary Poppins or 101

And from dawn at seven, there was the bustle of breakfast, and the fascinatingly alien customs of other families at reveille on getting up, and troops and police and cleaners marching hither and yon. Lieutenant Philip Mount-

batten, who had just been made Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, had come down to his old school and mine as guest of honour for speech day. As head boy, I had to make the speech of welcome to him. As a consequence, I have been twitchy about making an exhibition of myself in public ever since. But even though he was a sort of Greeko-Danish foreigner marrying Our Prin-cess, and had then gone on to Gordonstoun, because he was Cheesemite (Old Boy who had survived the Spartan rig-ours of Cheam School) and had then served in the Royal Navy, we thought of him almost as one of us.

Because of over-excitement and lack of sleep, the morning passed in a daze of marching, and craning and asking, "Who is that?" When, at the first climax, the Household Cavalry came past, they halted camp and one of the horses

deposited a steaming mound. Children's giggles were instantly repressed by grown-up glares. I cannot remember what we bipeds did to relieve ourselves. There must have been makeshift arrangements in Green Park. That generation still queues patiently; queue-barging was regarded



The stuff of every schoolchild's royal wedding scrapbook.

as a crime as bad as spivvery on the black market. And when the bells rang, and Elizabeth and Philip rode back down the Mall in their Cinderella carriage, we waved our Union Jacks, and shricked and believed that she caught us. Never had we seen such carriages and cars, such bands and glitter. And the hats, of the ladies as well as those Imperial male peacocks. Later we surged and waved

to them on the balcony. And

we believed, by osmosis from

the adults, that a bright new world was replacing the grey realities of war and rationing. You must remember that we were very young, even for our age. With our Ration Book coupons, we were allowed to buy a quarter-pound of sweets a week. I used to save them up until Saturday, when we had games, early prep, and then occasionally a black-and-white film. Ever since, in spite

of subsequent evidence to the

contrary. I have thought that

Will Hay comedies were sick-

garden patches, growing radishes and lettuce to supplement our diet of powdered egg, black treacle (standing in for sugar) and portidge that mysteriously contrived to be both runny and lumpy. The only day's menu that was literally inedible was Thursday's fish pie and suct

pudding (known as "dead baby". The fish was rank and bony. The pudding had a thick skin of slime concealing dried dates and other nameless things. Not to finish both was a whacking offence. Those of us who could not keep the food down used to

shovel it into our spongebags. Then, before afternoon school started, we removed a square from the middle of the parquet floor in the assembly makingly funny and that pep- room/chapel and surreptitiously emptied out bags into

Our favourite toys were homemade - HMS Nelson and other battleships which we sailed on the horsepond. In the shrubbery of Chearn we played SS versus FFI, the French Resistance, and collected the strips of metal foil

dropped by bombers to confuse the radar. On rainy days, we amused ourselves by reading. Arthur Mee's Chil-To us he dren's Encyclopae-dia, Henty, Swalwas a sort lows and Amazons, Bevis, the Story of of Greekoa Boy, Ben Hur, The Golden Trea-Danish sury and anything that turned a page. foreigner'

when nobody was looking. We learnt by heart from an early age The Pied Piper of Hamelin, Abou Ben Adhem and other improv-

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ing and "safe" poetry.
On Sundays at school we went for dry weather or wet weather walks in crocodile. We played Monopoly, Totopoly or L'Attaque in any free time. A slide show of foreign parts on the epidiascope or touring players per-forming Molière in stiff English accents were a treat. and the binder and festival teas in the field were happiness. And the wedding of the Princess was a glittering symbol that a new, better world

And so it was, though perhaps not in quite the ways that we children, in our innocence, expected.

was just around the corner.



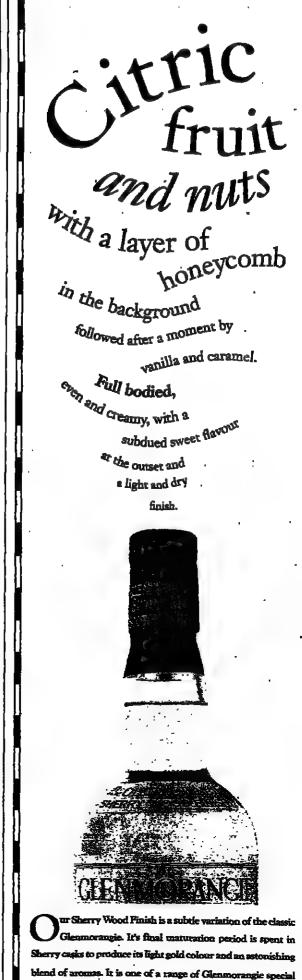
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Preparation of the cake by three craftsmen took five weeks.

and it took nearly ten hours to bake. The four tiers, depicting various armorial bearings, measured 9ft and weighed 500lb. As well as being distributed among the wedding guests, portions were given to the 15 hospitals, schools and charities of which Princess Elizabeth was then patron or president. A replica was later put on display at the Kensington store of Derry & Toms.

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Within weeks of opening in January 1946, we had gathered a staff of 200. In

those days a fitter, the head of the

workroom, had about 20 workers under

her. All were loyal to the fitter, and if she

moved to another house they moved, too.

The fitters who came to me had known me

at Lachasse or at Worth, a house with which I was associated when I was

We were quickly visited by foreign

buyers -- particularly Americans and Canadians who were hungry for new

ideas. There was great excitement among

them in the next year, 1947, when Dior brought out the New Look, although it

was no surprise to us — we were already

It was not only the buyers who visited.

The test of success of a couture shop is the

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other loyal friends.

houses my family. My mother was what was then called a court dressmaker, so my first adult friends were the staff. When, out of the blue. I was offered the post of manager of Lachasse in Farm Street I jumped at it. My mother telephoned me that first evening. "Mother." I said, "it was like going home." Although my mother retired in 1914, she liked to return to see her old dressmaking

friends and I was often taken along. I remember the building well. Court dressmakers were usually housed in what had been private houses, as a shop window was not considered necessary. There was a basement - originally the kitchen which became the canteen, where there was a stream of tea-drinkers and gossip.

During the war, I had a lot of time to think about postwar plans. I was determined to have my own business and to establish it in an elegant London house similar to those my mother had taken me to. No 14 Savile Row was in a bad state, because of bomb damage, but we got it for a cheap rent and immediately started to

tidy it up.
A building with five storeys was ideal. In the basement was the kitchen/canteen, which remained until some years later, when a finance director said that it was an extravagance and turned it into what is still a stockroom. The real selling point of the house for me was the beautiful proportions of the first-floor drawing room, which was to become, and still is, our showroom.

The house was built in 1735 by Lord Burlington, but he never owned it; it had a lease from the Pollen Estates, a city firm that is still my landlord. I had no capital with which to start a business, but various friends came forward. Virginia Jersey. also known as Virginia Cherrill in Charlie Chaplin's City Lights, lent me £2,000. My

workrooms, and in the early days we were flooded by customers who had been deprived of new dresses during the war. Even today, in our 51st year, I can honestly say that there has never been a moment when a fitter has said: "Please can I have some work?" It has always been a battle to get the dress or suit finished in time.

I do not draw at all well (I envisage a finished dress working for its living at a party, or at a wedding, or coming down a taircase), and so a little over 40 years ago I hired a young man called Ken Fleetwood, who was highly praised by the head of St Martin's School of Design. 1 loved his drawings and we started an era of close collaboration. Mostly, we would go away to a hotel (the Palace at Torquay was a favourite) and I would say to Ken "Draw this" and explain what I had in mind. After that, it was down to the tailor.

Our overseas business grew - particularly in Japan. The Japanese admired the clothes which fitted into the lives of the English upper classes, and orders came quickly, which meant a lot of sketches were required. We needed another hand in the studios and Jon Moore, who was just leaving art school and who had done a wonderful design for a fur coat, joined us. Seventeen years later, he is still with us as design director, replacing Ken when he fell mortally ill last year.

No 14 Savile Row still has the façade it had in 1735. Many of the other houses in the Row now have shop windows, but [ am happy to keep ours as it is. We have no need to change, as we do not have any passing trade.

The exterior of the house may not have changed, but my contacts in the world of couture have. In the 1940s, we couturiers joined together to establish the Incorporated Society of Fashion Designers. We were tert. Now I am the only one left. That is why I cherish my shop and its staff.





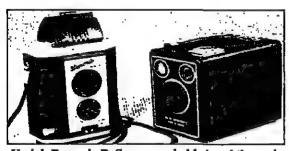
In need of window dressing: No 14 Savile Row as it was before Hardy Amies, the couturier, opened his shop there

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# High hopes in hard times

sumer was in a frustrating position. Only the year before, the popular Britain Can Make it exhibition had offered a tantalising glimpse of home manufacturing potential. Yet with the change from war to peacetime production, als and a shortage of labour. British industry had little hope of delivering the goods, Catherine Moriarty writes.

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The high street and the home bore no relation to the simulated domestic settings of trade shows, full of light, colour and time-saving appliances. Electrical products were sought after, vacuum cleaners cost E7, radios often well over £20 — but these were beyond the reach of many.

As well as high prices, the housewife of 1947 experienced queues and acute shortages.

Staple foodstuffs and clothing required points and coupons. bread was rationed for the first time in 1946 and even potatoes by the end of 1947. Feeding careful juggling, with the average male manual earning just over £26 a month.

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During the war the Utility scheme was introduced to standardise the production of durable, value-for-money furniture, dothing and household goods, avoiding the unnecessary use of materials and labour. Initially, newlyweds and those whose homes had been bombed were given priority, but in 1947 the scheme was still going strong. The high cost of new "unit-free" furniture (a three-piece suite at 60 guineas) led to a renewed interest in Victorian pieces. Contemporary furniture in unconventional materials such as aluminium and plastic was still at prototype stage. These new shapes and colours enjoyed mass appeal with the Festival of Britain in 1951.

The first Ideal Home exhibition since 1939 was put on in 1947 and Dior's "New Look" was launched. After a severe winter and harsh coal shortages, the extravagances on display seemed remote. Continuing austerity meant that luxuries advertised by manufacturers stayed on the shelves, if not on the drawing board, for a good few years to come. But as one commentator put it: "By now we know what kind of equipment we would install in our ideal home, although it may be a long time before we get it.

The writer is curator of the



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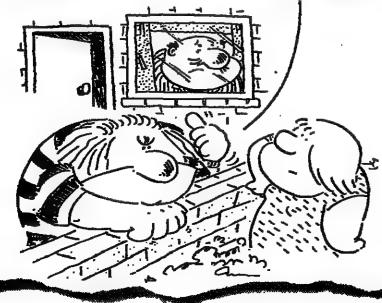
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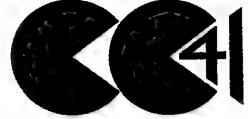
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# New Look flounces into fashion

British design in 1947 was a triumph of ingenuity as couturiers overcame fabric

shortages to mount an elegant challenge to Dior



The wartime symbol denoting Utility garme













After the wartime privations, fashion swept back in 1947 with these very feminine and expensive creations using yards of the best fabrics — the antithesis of the Utility-style garments with short skirts and boxy, broad-shouldered military-style jackets

ritish hopes of steal-ing the fashion limelight from Paris were dashed in spring 1947 when the French couturier Christian Dior presented his sensational "New Look" collection with the soft, elegant lines of the Edwardian period. Dior's designs were not only luxurious, bringing back femi-ninity and glamour after a wartime period of privation. but were ultra-feminine: the shoulders were narrow, corseted waists were minuscule and ankle-length skirts were enormously full, consuming about 15 metres of fabric.

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These expensive creations were the antithesis of British Utility garments, with their short skirts and boxy, broadshouldered military-style jackets. In an age of austerity, the New Look was condemned in Britain as profligate, irresponsible and anachronistic. However, many women were desperate to escape from dreary wartime dothing and were enchanted by the romantic silhouette. The seal of approval was set when Princess Margaret and the Duchess of Kent

placed orders with Dior. British designers responded as best they could, given the constraints of governmentimposed rationing and the resource-saving Utility clothing scheme. In spite of shortages, there was a rise in demand for fashionable clothes. Released from wartime preoccupations, women had time to spend on themselves and top-to-toe perfection

became their goal. Fashion magazines emphasised the importance of matching accessories and grooming. In 1947, the tradition of presentation at Court was resumed. signalling the return of the

debutante and the social Season. Key events, from Ascot to Henley Regatta, required special outfits, provided by London designers, tailors and accessory makers.

However, the event of the year was the royal wedding, which gave a huge fillip to Britain's fashion industry. Princess Elizabeth wore a lavishly embroidered gown by Norman Hartnell, for which she surrendered 100 clothing coupons, nearly double the annual allowance for an adult. Wealthy women were dres-

sed by members of the Incorporated Society of London Fashion Designers, founded in 1942. The leading labels were Hardy Amies, Norman Hartnell. Victor Stiebel, Hartnell, Victor Successive Edward Molyneux, Charles Creed, John Cavanagh, Digby Morton and Lachasse.

op fashions which survive from this period reveal ingenuity and design creativity. Designers not only made classic suits for town or country. but romantic eveningwear. characterised by two silhouettes: jackets and bodices were fined and tight-waisted, and skirts were either lean or as full as could be achieved with limited amounts of fabric.

An important aspect of British fashion was the need to earn foreign revenue, and designers were recruited to make collections for export only. The restricted amounts luxury materials were mainly reserved for this purpose. Particularly impressive was the campaign to promote British cottons, supported by government and channelled through the influential Manchester-based Cotton

Board. Designers favoured the



Cirque d'hiver. The mood of autumn '47, captured by UK Harpers magazine

duced modified versions of the

New Look, and home dress-

makers could buy paper pat-terns to make the fashion for

themselves. Women's maga-

zines advised the less well-off



exotic prints for the West

African market, which served

for stylish daywear and even

long evening gowns. For the home market.

designers proved resourceful.

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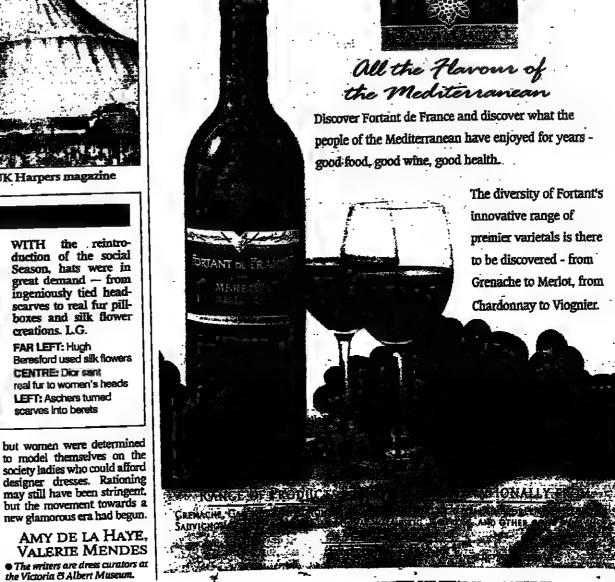
oversize, bustle-like bows. The

ready-to-wear companies pro-

duction of the social Season, hats were in great demand - from ingeniously tied headscarves to real fur pillboxes and silk flower creations. L.G. FAR LEFT: Hugh Beresford used silk flowers CENTRE: Diar sent real fur to women's heads

LEFT: Aschers turned scarves into berets but women were determined to model themselves on the

to make hybrid styles by adding tiers and extra panels AMY DE LA HAYE, to existing garments, thereby VALERIE MENDES achieving an up-to-the-minute The writers are dress curators at The resources were limited.



# The war was over but food rationing lingered on. Marguerite Patten recalls inventive recipes to help home cooks get by

# The lean days of eat in and eke out

he engagement and wed-ding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip were like a fairy tale in what was a grim year as far as food was concerned. Shopping in 1947 was still as it had been during the war years. Most people registered with a local grocer for fats, sugar, tea. preserves and cheese, and with a dairy for milk and eggs, and a butcher for fresh meat - what little

During the time of bread ration-ing you would register with a baker. You could change shops if you found you preferred a competi-

You generally deposited all the relevant coupons from your pre-cious ration book with the shopkeeper - and you knew they were safe. This saved time in waiting for them to be cut out at the counter every week.

You became known at these particular shops and were likely to get the best attention, although by 1947 many shoppers were grumbling that tradesmen had lost the art of wooing customers. Being well known did not mean extra basic rations, but a chance to buy scarce unrationed foods, such as custard powder, coffee, cocoa and jellies. A good grocer would keep these for regular, rather than casual, shoppers. A butcher would let you know when he had unrationed liver or other offal, or such treats as chicken or rabbit.

Fruit and vegetables were not rationed, though potatoes became restricted. Most people shopped for sweetmeats at various shops; we were allowed 12oz (350g) a month. Fish was unrationed

The system of 16 points per person a month was still applying: with these you could choose foods such as canned meat or salmon or fruit tone good-sized can would take almost all your points).

Some shopkeepers would deliver your order if they had sufficient petrol or could carry the goods in a large bicycle basket.

if you travelled regularly on business or were on holiday, you did not register in the same way; you carried the book or a card which entitled you to buy rationed foods anywhere, but you would be exceptionally lucky if you were offered scarce unrationed foods. If staying in a hotel, you would hand in your card or book.

When whalemeat came on the British market it was sold by a few specialist butchers or fishmonger, but I only remember seeing one butcher's sign that announced that horsemeat was sold there.

The shortage of basic foods was almost worse than in the war years. Bread rationing was introduced in 1946 and continued into 1947. Many families countered the shortage by making quick and simple breads. This is a typical recipe.

SYRUP LOAF 4oz/115g self-raising flour Pinch sa ½ level tsp bicarbonate soda 2 level ibsp golden syrup (warm the syrup before measuring)

Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/gas mark 6. Grease and flour a 11b/ 450g loaf tin. Sift the flour, salt and bicarbonate of soda. Gradually beat in the syrup and milk. Pour into the tin, bake for 20 minutes, lower the heat to I80C/350F/gas mark 4 and continue cooking for a further ten minutes or until firm.

IN NOVEMBER 1947 potato rationing started. The Ministry of Food explained that this was necessary to safeguard supplies; because of the excessively cold winter of 1946 which continued into spring 1947, it had not been possible to plant as many potatoes as usual. The allowance was 3lb/1.35kg per person a week. This may sound a generous amount today, but for years we had been urged to eat as many potatoes as possible to compensate for the lack of other foods.



In the kitchen, precious flour and apples made a filling family pie. In the shops, "points" were taken for even the most basic necessities

making dumplings whenever possible, flavoured with catmeal, herbs and spices, and increasing supplies of other vegetables. The food situation was considered so serious that questions were asked in Parliament as to whether the population of Britain was having sufficient calories.

ne of the biggest problems was to maintain the weekly amounts of meat. The official ration was Is 2d (6p). Sometimes corned beef had to supplement fresh meat. Two steps were taken in 1947 to increase supplies.

The first was to provide horsemeat. The public was so horrified by the prospect that the idea was dropped. The second was myself at that time, suggested publicity about this, and the Minis- or beef

try of Food published recipes. The meat was off ration. It was not pleasant to prepare, for it had a strong, oily liver smell. When cooked it was quite palatable, especially in a stew, flavoured with curry or paprika or minced and made into hamburgers (yes, we knew about these in 1947) or as a filling for marrow or peppers. Peppers were one of the foods imported into Britain, with some oranges and lemons. For years we only saw green peppers, never red

STUFFED PEPPERS

For the filling: 1oz/25a maroarine 1 large onlon, finely chopped 2oz/50g soft breadcrumbs or 1 thsp chopped parel 1 fresh or reconstituted

dried egg

Salt and pappa

portied tomatoes.

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Cut slices from the stalk ends of the peppers. Put peppers and slices into boiling water, cook for five minutes, then drain. Heat the margarine, fry the onion until soft, add the meat and cook for five minutes, stir well. Mix in the remaining ingredients. Spoon into the peppers, top with the slices. Place into a greased casserole. Cover and bake for 40 minutes in a preheated oven set to 180C/350F/

SAUSAGES and liver were not Now onions and tomatoes were 10z/25g margarine

becoming available throughout the year one could be more imaginative with sausagemeat, as in Mock Duck. We had become expert at turning out "mock" dishes. Mock Oyster Soup was made with Jerusalem artichokes and there were several versions of Mock Cream — it was still forbidden for dairies to

sell real cream. Country people had been able to obtain chickens, rabbits and pigeons, and now these were slowly appearing in towns. Chickens were generally elderly boiling fowls. When cooked they yielded precious

MOCK DUCK

fat as well as meat.

1 kib/550g sausagemeat 8oz/225g onions, weight when

Long queues formed quickly if word got out that a shop had something special in stock 8oz/225g dessert apples, weight when peeled and cored 2 tsp brown sugar 1 tsp chopped sage or 1/2 tap Salt and peoper

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Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/gas mark 5. Spread half the sausagement into a flat layer in a greased roasting tin. Grate the onions, heat the margarine, and gently cook the onions for five minutes. Coarsely grate the apples, add to the onions with the sugar, sage and seasoning. Mix together and spread over the sausagemeat. Flatten the remaining sausagement and cover the filling; shape with your hands to form the duck. Cover and bake for 30 minutes; remove the cover and cook for a further 20 minutes so the "duck" browns.

IT WAS still a thrill for many families to benefit from the sporadic supplies of oranges and lemons. Some cooks saved the orange peel to make this pleasant home-made marmalade.

 ORANGE AND APPLE MARMALADE

Peel from 4 sweet oranges 2½ pints/1.5l water 1lb/450g cooking apples (weight when peeled and cored) Sugar (see method)

Shred the peel finely, add to the water and soak overnight. Simmer in the water until almost tender. Slice the apples, add to the pan and continue cooking until the peel is soft and the apples form a pulp. Add sugar (allow lib/450g sugar to each pint/600ml). Return to the pan, stir until the sugar has dissolved. Boil rapidly until setting point is reached. Spoon into hot iars and seal down.

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Ministry of Food In 1947

# Blinkered by blind ambition

n the sad quadrangles of Oxford University on that notable November day half a century ago there was no sign of rejoicing. Not a single college lawn chattered with tea-party guests gathered in honour of the marriage of the Princess, heir to the thrune.

As usual, the Oxonian natives were restless, busily pursuing their long-term lostcauses strategy of never reflecting the nation's mood. Not that we were flercely antimonarchist: John Grigg, who much later on became the first public figure to venture a word or two of criticism of royal behaviour in print, was lurking in New College.

Just then he was busy with

Oxford students were distinctly underwhelmed

by the big event. Ronald Payne

reminisces

John Fowles, the future novelist, planning to get an invitation for a party from Oxford to make an expedition to the University of Aix-Marseille. the first into newly liberated France. It's quite a journey into the past recalling how it was at Oxford the year that

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Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten. Even trickier is any effort to define what the young ladies and the gentlemen in the short commoners' gowns made of it all.

Not very much if you go by the pages of The Isis. now known as a student magazine. Not then it wasn't. Those of us who were not dons stuck strictly to the title undergraduate. Students were strictly chaps from the provinces, and both Oxford and Cambridge excluded themselves from that offensive appellation.

in the issue of The Isis that appeared the day before the great royal event, there was only one mention of it. and that was in an odd little number in the poetry section, signed Philip Warner, and ended with the phrase: "May a proud posterity issue from this unity." Little did he know.

Lack of interest in national rejoicing can be more easily understood when we remember that television was in its infancy and hardly anybody known to the university owned a "set" and would have kept it quiet if they did. The word had yet to be invented, but tele-

ne or two people. mostly from the Oxford Union debating set who halfbelieved they had prime ministers' dispatch boxes in their knapsacks, were eveing the BBC. Robin Day already dreamt of being a television star. So did Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, now also a Sir and Tory backbencher, who assured me that television was

the art form of the future. Ludovic Kennedy, then an author, former naval officer with sea time and luminary of the Writers Club that invited distinguished novelists to dine and lecture in the hopes of picking up some of the magic. also later turned to the box.

Kennedy wrote a cross little article in the November issue of The Isis. wryly complaining about his treatment at the Food Office over the loss of his ration book. In 1947 there was still rationing of food, clothes. petrol and even chocolate. Even the grandest undergraduates could be seen eating canteen lunches at Is 6d (72p)



Lunchtime for an undergraduate at the British Restaurant

a go in the grand purlicus of the City Hall

That was the location of the so-called British Restaurant, another sad survivor of the war. Beer was so weak that beer-tasting at the Olympia exhibition hall in London had to be cancelled that year because the English brew could not compete with foreign ones. Like wine and whisky, it

was also in short supply. What is easily, and perhaps best, forgotten is that we lived in a time of austerity presided over by the Labour Chancellor Stafford Cripps. We failed to comprehend it at the time, but life in England was as close as it ever became to existence in a Soviet people's republic, It was an era of power cuts, shortages. new-fangled nationalisation and strict foreign currency allowances. Because there was no television, there were no celebrity pontificators around to insist that the royal wedding was "historic". It was just another wedding, though one that the papers made a lot of fuss about. So did BBC radio, a touch ponderous as well as downright condescending and

sunlight strikes the breastplates of the Household Cavalry. Those splendid troopers as they ride down the Mall escorting ... " was the kind of wireless stuff then available.

"Now a sudden shaft of

full of purple patch commen-

The word "radiant" figured pretty heavily. Small wonder then that argument and comment in the centres of Oxford social life, the Playhouse bar, the Kemp Coffee Shop and

Whites Bar in the High Street, concentrated on other matters. The brilliant Kenneth Tynan. in a purple suit and occasionally lipstick to match, raged about the ignorant follies of middle-aged Sunday newspaper critics and theatre producers (he became one before long). Sandy Wilson, who achieved fame as creator of The Boy Friend, produced witty revues parodying the hit musical Oklahoma — "When you take me out for a curry in the Tai Mahal".

"For whom the belles toil" headlined a sharp little Isis opinion piece about women undergraduates. "They have the doubtful privilege of being recognised as members of the university — which is not granted them at Cambridge", but they looked on the place as "a glorified reference library. Women undergraduates might just as well go and work in the British Museum." Margaret Roberts, for example, or Indira Gandhi?

The wannabe journal-ists amused themselves and irritated others by railing on about the newly restarting Carlton Club in Oxford. "It is an unaggressive little place where two or three may gather together." They also savaged an attempt by posh hunting men to re-establish the Bullingdon with the headline.

"Care for a drag, Mate?" Scratch almost any undergraduate at that time and you would have found a good little socialist - very old Labour. Some believed in world government, even as the Cold War started, and united Europe already figured on the dream political menu.

ingham Palace goings-on

seemed a bit of a sideshow.

Frankly, the university population, dominated by young men slightly older than their years, newly returned from the wars still wearing battledress tops and service dress tunies and glorying in a new-found ability to be irresponsible, had other things on its communal mind. Like girls so seductive in their New Look tight-waisted and bosomy dresses, how best to carve out a career and how to create a bold new postwar ily when bitten. world - in that order. Buck-

# Language? It's the full Monty

WHEN demobbed servicemen came home in 1947, they brought their tribal argot with them to mix with the slang of the Home Front, making it a prolific year for new language. War and upheaval are

great breeding grounds for words. One theory about the phrase "the full Monty", repopularised this year by the film, says that it came from Field Marshal Montgomery's supposed insistence on eating a full. English breakfast of bacon. sausage, eggs and "bubble and squeak" before battle, whatever time it was.

It is more likely, however, that the expression comes from the three-piece demob suit supplied by a company called Montague Burton, representing mass-market "To swan around", mean-

ing to move around in an (apparently) aimless way, was brought home by the tank crews. The lexicographers derive it (unpersuasively) from imitating the action of a swan.

The late lamented General Shan Hackett - whose memorial service is on November 24 -- knew better. He was actually present when it was coined about a languid officer named Swan in his cavalry regiment, the King's Royal Irish Hussars. Swan rode about the desert apparently aimlessly, but always got there in the end.

"Gremlins" came out of the RAF in 1947, Roald Dahl, with characteristic vainglory, claimed to have invented the word, but it is older and hotly disputed. In 1947 girlfriends were known as charmers, lush bints, popsies or pushers. Men seeing a girl regularly were said to be "nibbling". An amorous couple were described as "kittens in a basket" and hangovers were attacked with "char" and "gunfire" — tasteless dry biscuits so called because they crackled nois-

PHILIP HOWARD



Covent Garden with their

tall "tit for tats" (hats)

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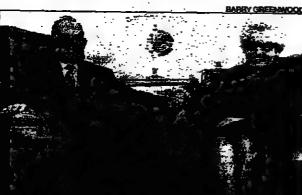
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Language? If for the wedding outlits, too.

Mr Lightfoot, who had served
as a rear gunner with the RAF,
did not wear his demob suit to



Joe and Isobel Lightfoot will be at the Thanksgiving

# Our lives have been just as good

A couple married the same day as the royals talk to Robin Young

Then Princess Eliza-beth became ento Philip Mountbatten, there masses of people to help them prepare for their nuptials. Joseph Lightfoot and Isobel Graham had no such luck.

Sweethearts since they were teenagers, and engaged for nearly three years, they had only ten days in which to make their arrangements, including obtaining the licence for their register office wedding in Carlisle, inviting their score of guests, arranging a reception in the Co-op restaurant in Botchergate, and buying their suits for the occasion.

For the Lightfoots the decisive factor was that Joe had been offered a job which brought a house, at 30 Robert Street, Carlisle.

"Houses then were hard to get and there were squatters about," Mrs Lightfoot said, "We were told that we had to move into the house almost immediately or it would go to someone else, but in the 1940s people did not set up home together until they were married so we took the first date the register office could offer."

To some extent arrangements for the wedding settled themselves. "We could not afford a grand ceremony or many guests. We only had enough to invite immediate family, and even then we had so limit ourselves to no more ghan one aunt each."

ioned. Mr and Mrs Lightfoot had to beg and borrow points for the currants and margarine for the wedding cake. Clothing points were required get married in, as many newly released servicemen were doing at the time, but has forgotten where he bought his

new one Mrs Lightfoot, though, remembers that her choice, a tweed check, which proved very serviceable afterwards, came from Hepworths. Like 30 Robert Street (now under a trading estate), and the Co-op restaurant where the reception was held. Hepworths is no longer there, though the Lightfoots returned to Carlisle when Joe retired in 1989.

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coaches, horses or ceremonial parade. "Four of us just got in a taxi and went to the register office," Mrs Lightfoot says.

The couple went to a studio to have their wedding pictures taken and after the reception at the Co-op they invited their 20 guests to join them for a drink at the County Hotel.

Mrs Lightfoot recalls: "As we walked in, we heard the wedding march on the wireless from the wedding of Princess Elizabeth. That was the first time we realised that we were getting married the same day as she was. We sat in the lounge and listened to the royal wedding over drinks."

In the evening the newly-weds treated their guests to a night at His Majesty's Theatre, Carlisle, another landmark that has disappeared. Because Mrs Lightfoot was 21 when the couple married, the same age as Princess Elizabeth, they were among the couples who, some months later, were offered one of the surplus royal presents.

the Women's Voluntary Service, who handled the distribution, wrote in April 1948 saying that Mrs Lightfoot had been chosen as "a girl of the princess's age, married the same week" to receive one of the rugs being sent by Sir Abdul Halim Ghuznavi of Calcutta.

In the event the royal rug did not survive long. On their gave his wife a cocker spaniel puppy, which used the rug as a dog loo. "We had to throw the rug out," Mrs Lightfoot

The royal newly-weds beat the Lightfoots by a year in the baby stakes. Prince Charles was born in 1948, David Lightfoot in 1949. Now David is married to Linda, and the Lightfoots have two grandchildren, Simon, 22, and Tim, 16.

They will be at Westminster Abbey for the thanksgiving service for the royal golden wedding, and hope to take in a show afterwards. Then they will have their own golden wedding party at the Cumbria Park Hotel on November 22.

Would they have exchanged their lives for that of the royals? "No," says Mr Lightfoot firmly. "What we have had was quite good There were, of course, no enough."



The Lightfoot's wedding was arranged in just ten days

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For a woman, a vacuum cleaner was as important as her make-up in 1947, says Joe Joseph





Ask your VACIRIC dealer to er (model W.100), £13 13 4, cates; 3-Bresh Floor Polisher,





was encouraged. This vacuum cleaner advert referred to a husband as "the household god". The cosmetics market was influenced by Hollywood

# Girl power meant a Hoover

ven if you agree with Marshall McLuhan that advertisement are "the richest and most faithful daily reflection any society ever made of its whole range of activities". advertising can seem an alien world, where the inhabitants appear improbably amious about their armpits and bowel movements. Advertisers are among the few people who are actually keen to meet women with smelly underarms.

It wasn't much different in 1947, either. Magazines showed hostesses, still scrubbing the floor when guests were about to arrive, thinking to themselves, "They'll be here any minute...no time to change". So why were they looking quite so calm? Because they had learnt that "Milton Rinse takes care of personal

For COMFORT after EATING MAGNESIA TABLETS Dy according mility that glar prompt with Sea bellegetien. "Hith of Mayands" Tithdes are hardy to educy in hundling or posited. es who know that "just a teaspoonful of Milton in a tumbler of water, and bathe vour underarms before dressing. No matter how strenuous your work, it will keep you fresh and dainty all day This ad encapsulated the

two main concerns of 1947 Woman, at least as advertisers saw it. Women - apart from when they were not smoking a relaxing cigarette — would busy themselves either with housework or spend hours keeping themselves wellgroomed, in case a man

should pass by unexpectedly. That's why Friday night was always "Amami Night", Amami being "the health and beauty shampoo which creates the loveliest blondes". And if their fella did arrive unannounced, women were rarely caught out. "You hardly associate romance with washing up, do you?" squeaks a lady doing the dishes. "But I didn't really mind him calling unex-pectedly — I knew that my complexion was all right, thanks to Iclima."

Yes, but what makes her so sure? The fact that "Iclima Foundation cream and Page Powder are the wise girl's choice, giving her the confi-dence in her beauty that enables her to face any situation without worrying".
Mrs Ronald Colman, "wife

of one of the screen's great actors", preferred to put her faith in lipstick, because "we Hollywood wives have to But maybe Margaret also burgh took a full-page ad in watch our lip-appeal. That is used Hinds hand cream, with Vogue to trumpet its antelope

Tangee 'Petal-Finish' Lipstick colours. They keep your lips alturingly soft and appealing. In exciting new colours: Gay-red, Medium-Red, Theatrical-Red and Tangee Natural.

Not Mrs James Mason, though, "lovely young wife of the famous film star" who is "small and delicately made" with "an exquisite olive skin that is the envy of her friends". Mrs Mason invested her trust not in Tangee but in "regular cleansing with Pond's Cold — it goes on so amoothly".

s for Snowlire Vanishing Cream, it even promised "fame and fortune overseas", including marriage: "Only a few weeks ago Margaret was an unknown mannequin. Then a famous dress designer, attracted by Margaret's flawless complexion, noticed her per-"She found herself in the

headlines, picked to display Britain's dresses abroad. She thanked her lucky stars that she's kept her skin petal-soft, blemish-free with Snowfire Vanishing Cream. She's in South Africa now - won't come back until her new husband, a diamond-mine owner, brings her on a visit." South Africa? New husband? All in a few weeks? Margaret was a very fast mover. Or

maybe just very fast.

disiac powers. You knew that, with Hinds on your hands, it was just a question of naming the wedding day, because when lovely hands are held out, a man just can't resist surrendering the key to his heart".

Bouncy bowels were guar anteed by regularly gulping down "Bile Beans" at bedtime, since "sparkling health demands regular cleansing of the system". Cigarettes were not only

allowed, but encouraged, with a picture of a blonde sucking an untipped Wills's Gold Flake, because "Discriminating smokers of all ages have chosen Gold Flake for quality of fine tobaccos, superbly blended since 1883". Would-be "successful host-

esses" were advised to offer guests Embassy — "the large, mild cigarette", though free ciggles might still not be enough to keep the successful hostess's visitors from muttering about her slovenliness. As a mystery "Lady X" warned in the ad for "3 Hands" antiseptic: "Many a housewife would he shocked if she could hear callers criticising the atmosphere of her home. 'Housestaleness' can keep even friends away," which teaches every one of us an important lesson: people were two-faced in 1947, too.

But what does a pretty girl wear to hit the town? Jenners department store in Edinin the way that suits you best" and in "so many lovely colours", including the now sohard-to-find "nigger".

any of the ads

were little stories in their own right. In some, Mr Peak and Mr Frean would be chatting about Vita-weat biscuits. In others, a lady motorist whose car had broken down would get into a long conversation with the AA man about what made his knee-high black boots shine so dazzlingly. Kiwi boot polish, of

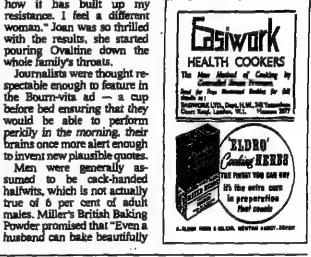
Or there was Joan, snivelling with yet another cold, who was jealous of Dorothy's stamina. Dorothy let her into the secret: "Since I started taking Ovaltine at bedtime I sleep like a top and it's just marvellous how it has built up my resistance. I feel a different woman." Joan was so thrilled with the results, she started pouring Ovaltine down the whole family's throats.

Journalists were thought respeciable enough to leature in the Bourn-vita ad - a cup before bed ensuring that they would be able to perform perkily in the morning, their brains once more alert enough to invent new plausible quotes. Men were generally as-sumed to be cack-handed halfwits, which is not actually true of 6 per cent of adult

nowl", providing a recipe for "Husband's sponge". We see another man being served a bowl of Welgar Shredded Wheat by his seven-year-old daughter, because "Joan is growing up fast, and aiready takes her share of mother's responsibilities" - including, presumably, the responsibility of pitying a grown man who can't even pour his own cereal. "He deserves the best! Give him a Vactric", coos another ad, this time for a vacuum cleaner. "When the household god descends to lend a hand' I am not making this up -"don't let gallant enthusiasm snend itself in cheerless chores. Give him a Vactric. It

saves husbandar Who knows? Maybe Philip's Vactric is the secret of the Queen's long marriage.

saves work, saves carpets



# Diner's guide to a night out

■ THOUSANDS of people who thought they knew London very well before the war returned to a city changed almost beyond recognition. Some of their old haunts were bombed, others had simply closed during hard times; there were different habitues, new legislation restricting food in restaurants and a strict code of conduct to be followed. Here we present a simple guide to London living, from W. Bently Capper's Dining Out, 1948.

With food rationing still so strict.

have a licence permitting them to make a "house charge" if they cannot economisting them to make a "house charge" if they cannot economist.

A Every meal is regulated by a document known as the Meals in Establishments Order, created by Lord Woolton in 1942. Public meals are restricted to three courses, and the contents are restricted. You may not have more than one main dish; that is, a dish with more than 25 per cent of its total weight in meat, poultry or game. You may not have more than two subsidiary dishes: dishes with less than 25 per cent of foods specified. If you have a main dish, you may have only one subsidiary dish in addition. So, you may have hors d'oeuvre, followed by meat and a sweet; or soup, fish and a main dish. Bread counts as one course.

The Ministry of Food has fined-mens prices at 5s per person. Does this apply to all restaurants?

A Your meal will not include coffee, wines or a charge for a dance band, and many West End restaurants

prewar tea chests.

a "house charge" if they cannot economically charge only 5s. A bill for two people can realistically be made up thus: two dinners, 10s; house charge 12s; coffee 3s; dance band 5s; plus service. Total 33s [£1.65].

What is the dress code for evening in smart establishments?

Evening dress is de rigueur; on the dance floor, evening dress is almost always insisted on. The rule is: if you are dining out but not dancing, morning dress is permissible if there is a dance band you should dress up. For a man, dressing is relaxed — black tie and a soft-fronzed shirt are fine, as is the double-breasted dinner jacket. The silk hat is now being replaced by the "Athony Eden" felt.

Is it proper for ladies to smoke on an evening out?

A it is always worth considering other people's feelings. For instance, when getting up to dance, do not leave a lighted eigarette balanced on the

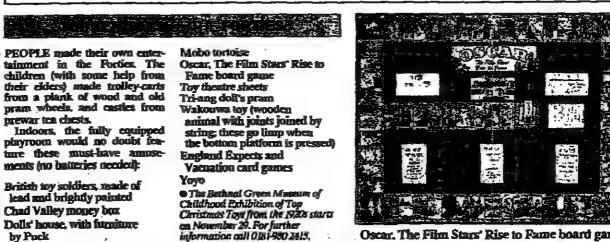


edge of an ashtray. It nearly always falls off on to the table and smoulders on the cloth, leaving a brown charred mark or hole. Ditto in the ladies room: cigarettes should not be left on the dressing table after you have made up.

Should one tip at restaurants in the capital?

Tips should be proferred in a becoming manner: that is to say, not grudgingly or patronisingly, but courteously, with a word of thanks. To accept a tip civilly is part of a waiter's education, just as it should be part of the education of the diner-out to acquire the art of giving it graciously. Give ten per cent of a bill as a rough guide. The usual amount for the [cloakroom] attendant in a good-class restaurant is a 1s; 6d for the tollet attendant. Always give generously to a porter: someone who performs the near miracle of discovering, and sum-moning, a taxi-cab should always be presented with a piece of silver.

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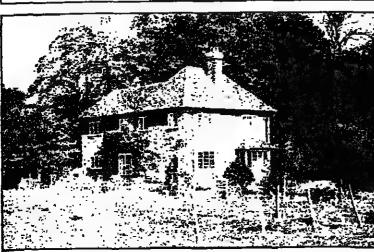


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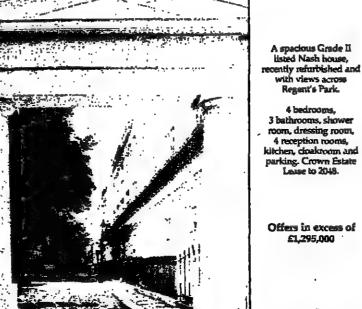
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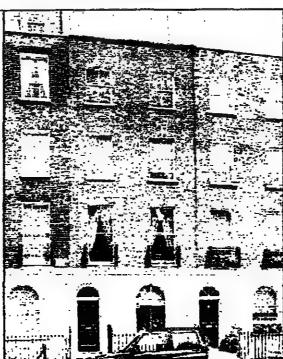
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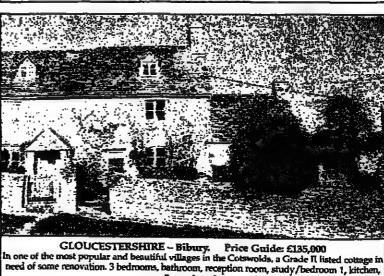


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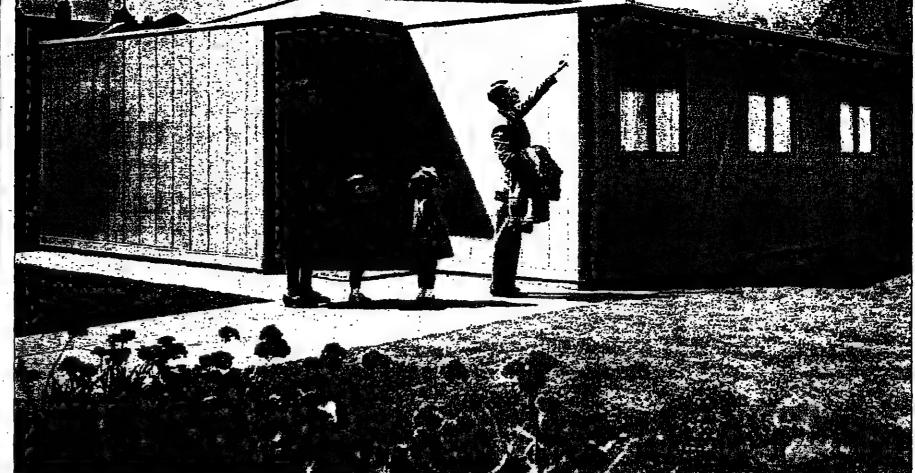
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housing was given to Aneurin Bevan, the charismatic and controversial Minister of Health, who, during the 1945 general election campaign, had promised the rapid completion of five million new homes. But in 1947, the best prospect of new homes for working-class families was offered by minium or hardboard "prefabs" which turned out to be more durable, comfortable and popular than anyone had foreseen.

The delay in getting the housing programme started was hardly surprising. In a nation effectively bankrupted by its war effort, and faced with recurrent balance of payments crises, a radical new Government was attempting to implement an ambitious programme involving the widescale and costly nationalisation of much private property. Housebuilding was only one of many sectors of the



Devised as temporary housing in 1947, pre-fabricated homes, with all mod cons, turned out to be more durable, comfortable and popular than anyone had foreseen

economy competing for scarce lab-our and raw materials.

Bevan's ideology insisted that priority should be given to public housing for rent, to the extent of placing a veto on the private sector. in August 1947, all work on private housing was suspended for the best part of a year.

Even so, things might have progressed more swiftly had it not been for the stifling influence of bureaucracy. The programme was nominally placed in the hands of nearly 1,500 local housing authori-ties in England and Wales alone. who were responsible for site preparation; contracts with builders, fixing rents, allocating tenants and managing the new council tes. But even the most go-ahead discouraged by the daumting re-quirement that every scheme had to be approved by at least half a dozen Government departments.

espite the difficulties nearly 140,000 new houses were completed in 1947, a considerable advance on the meagre average of 75,000 a year between 1919 and 1939. They were for the most part houses, as opposed to flats. Bevan would not have recognised the term social engineering, but he believed that poorer families should aspire to middle-class standards; in other words, a decent, well-built house with three bedrooms and a garden.

Political and public opinion still cherished the ideal of the "good life", exemplified by the green suburbs that had sprung up in the early years of the century. But the disadvantages of unlimited suburban sprawl had become apparent even in the 1920s and 1930s.

During the war, the London County Council appointed Professor Patrick Abercrombie to produce plan for Greater London, published in 1944, which envisaged a controlled reduction in population density from the inner to the outer areas, enclosed within a green belt in which virtually all development would be prohibited.

Happily, the green belts around London and other large conurbations were retained, but the corollary was the arrival of brutal, concrete, high-rise inner-city estates, into which millions of slum-dwellers were decanted with the promise of comfortable flats with splendid views and modern conveniences. in 1951 the Conservatives were

year, but the Government was unwittingly paving the way for the social disasters that followed. Abercrombie did, however, leave two lasting legacies in the shape of

the New Towns Act of 1946 and, still more importantly, the all-embracing Town and Country Planning Act of 1947 which, for the first time, stipulated that effectively all development should be subject to planning controls, and which has fundamentally shaped Britain's landscape during the past

returned to power, and Harold

Macmillan, the housing minister,

promised to build 300,000 homes a

half-century. The new towns were modelled on

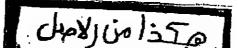
the garden cities of Letchworth and Welwyn in Hertfordshire, conceived by Ebenezer Howard in the early years of this century. Of the original 14, eight were designated within a 30 or 40-mile radius of London, primarily to absorb overspill from the capital, and the other six to provide new growth points in

economically depressed areas. in 1947, the first "settlers" were already moving into Stevenage and Hemel Hempstead.

The new towns cannot be described as an unqualified success. Many early residents felt lonely and cut off from their roots, much as their Victorian ancestors had when forced off the land and into the new industrial cities. But in 1947, they did at least offer the hope of a brighter future.







Clarence House was an ideal home for the newly-wed Princess Elizabeth, writes Marcus Binney



The newlyweds on honeymoon in Hampshir

# Fine start for an aspiring couple

larence House holds a high place in the affections of successive monarchs, not as a palace, but as a home. It takes its name from the Duke of Clarence, better known as Sailor Bill, who came to the throne as William IV in 1830.

Clarence House also counts as one of the few places our present Queen can have felt was truly her home. She moved here in 1949. 18 months after her marriage to Prince Philip. This was the era of postwar building controls and rationing. When Prince Philip insisted on a cinema in the basement, strenuous efforts were made to keep if out of the press, even though it was a gift from the Kinematograph Renters Association.

Princess Elizabeth, as she then was, took a keen interest in the building works. She was undaunted by its dilapidated state; the last occupant had been Queen Victoria's favourite son, the Duke of Connaught, who had died there in 1942, aged 91, without a single modern bathroom (only an antique copper tub hidden in a cupboard), and no proper electric lighting.

electric lighting.

Princess Elizabeth, according to the Ministry of Works official who took the royal couple round, did not seem at all put out by the condition of the building, and lent a hand mixing the soft-green paint for the dining room walls. When someone complained of the smell of paint, she said: "Put a bucket of hay in there, that'll soon take it away."

soon take it away."

The Duke of Edinburgh, keen on gadgets, organised piped news and music

PRINCESS Anne and Cap-

tain Mark Phillips spen

the first night of their

married life. November 15.

1973. before joining the Royal Yacht Britannia, at

the Thatched House Lodge,

in the heart of Richmond

Park Surrey. The 12-bed-

room Georgian property, then the home of Princess

Alexandra and the Hon

Angus Ogilvy, has a swim-

ming pool and four acres of

grandson. Lord Romsey.

#### PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

through speakers beside the beds, and bought labour-saving devices at the Ideal Home Exhibition, including the new electric mixers designed for servantless couples.

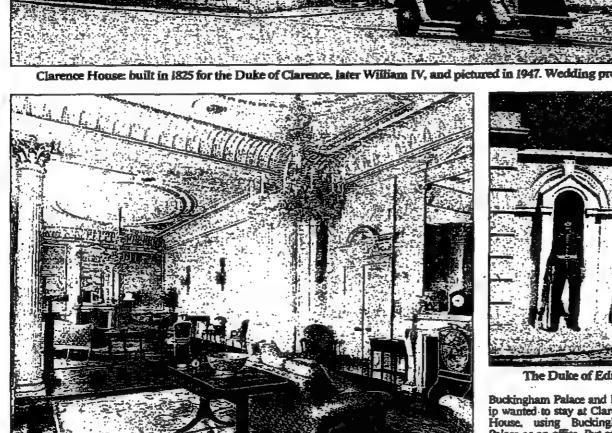
Servants, in the new egalitarian age, were a problem, and when a household official went to the Labour Exchange, he found himself outbid. The solution lay in the food. While the royal couple took a light dinner of cold meat and salad, or sausage and mash, downstairs a three-course meal was laid on for staff.

he emphasis was on simplicity. not state, with a recurring theme of the sea. The Duke of Edinburgh, sat at a clean-lined modern desk made of Canadian maple and had a fold-out drawing table concealed in the panelling.

The many wedding presents given to the royal couple included a quantity of fine Chippendale. Hepplewhite and Sheraton furniture. The dining room was furnished with a fine mahogany table and a set of ladder-back chairs given by the Royal Warrant Holders Association.

As was traditional in royal palaces, the princess and duke had separate apartments, and separate but connecting bedrooms. The princess's sitting room was painted in what Country Life fancifully called "the pale cloudless blue of an early September morning", and was furnished with capacious chintz-covered arm-

**ROYAL HONEYMOON HIDEAWAYS** 



The drawing room was painted ivory and grey, its Nash ceiling picked out in gold

chairs and a large radiogram.

Prince Charles's nursery had white walls, white chintz curtains, and covers with drawings of nursery rhymes. The most impressive part of Clarence House lay in the high standards of housekeeping. Silver was polished with a paste of ammonia and rouge, so trays and slavers looked like sheets of glass.

In the kitchens, potatoes had

to be cut egg-shaped to exactly the same size with the trim-

GEORGE VI and Queen

Elizabeth were lent

Polesden Lacey, a Regency

villa, near Great Bookham,

Surrey, for part of their

honeymoon in 1923 by the

Hon Mrs Ronald Greville,

an Edwardian hostess. The

18-bedroom house, with

views over the North

Downs, has 30 acres of

gardens, landscaped walks

and woodland, and was left

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William IV had lived at
Clarence House as King. In
IS40, the house was given to
Queen Victoria's mother, the
Duchess of Kent, who was
offended at being moved out of
Buckingham Palace.

d After her death, it was y allotted to the Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Victoria's second son. In 1874, he married Tsar Alexander's only daughter, and feeling the house was unworthy, he greatly enlarged it without the help of an architect. When he became Duke of Same-Coburg-Gotha in 1893, he went to live in Germany, retaining the house for London visits.

When Princess Elizabeth's father, George VI, died, it was a case of double heartache. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, did not want to leave



Buckingham Palace and Philip wanted to stay at Clarence House, using Buckingham Palace as an office. But courtiers and Winston Churchill, the prime minister, overruled

The extraordinary interest the Queen Mother has taken in the furnishing of her home is recorded in John Cornforth's Clarence House. The emphasis is on an understated luxury with cream walls setting off rich tapestries, furniture and paintings. The table settings are magnificent, with more porcelain than silver. and the Queen Mother, like other members of the Royal Family, sits in the middle of the long side of the table to enjoy the best of the conversation.

#### MARKET COMMENT

PROPERTY advertisements in the newspapers offer a poignant clue to the housing market in 1947. A modern semi-detached three-bedroom house in southeast London was offered at £3,200, with the additional information "undamaged in war". Another ad stated: "Required: small house, Chelsea or Knightsbridge, to buy or rent; even if badly damaged".

They indicate that the war

was still much in people's minds two years after its end, that the property market was taking a long time to get back to normal, and that there was a severe shortage of housing. In London, 100,000 families

lost their homes in the Blitz.
Many left, and never returned, but in the capital and
other cities targeted by German bombers the familiar
sight was of bombsites and
prefabs,
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Rebuilding was gening under way, much of it municipal housing, but supply could not match demand. The trend towards owner-occupation which had gathered momentum in the 1930s continued after the war. The average price of a house before the war was £596, but by 1945 it had risen to £1,822 and by 1947 to £1,843, according to figures from the Halifax Building Society. (It was another ten years before prices moved

significantly above \$2,000.)
The Building Societies Year
Book for 1947 reported that
many families, having
enjoyed high wages during the



Building for the future postwar regeneration

war, found themselves with considerable savings, and a high proportion chose to invest their money in bricks and mortar. The Halifax, and other building societies, had plenty of funds to satisfy the demand — if people could find the houses. The Halifax said many had moved "to suit peacetime vocations", and had no difficulty in disposing of their old homes because of the great demand for accommodation, "and the slowness with which building is overhauling the housing shortage". In the prewar boom, the

private sector built 300,000 homes a year. In 1946, the figure was 27,000, with a hurther 30,000 under construction for 1947. So a young couple setting up home had to take what they could get. In postwar London there was no

established property market: rather, a search for bargains. Large cities were dotted with houses vacant because their owners had left, been killed or

were still abroad.

Leading estate agents such as Knight Frank & Rutley (Rutley was dropped recently) were nonetheless providing a semblance of calm and continuity. "If there were no major projects yet, there was no lack of 'professional' bread and butter," they recall in their recent centenary publication. In the new and starkly realistic world houses and flats were in demand for occupation, not speculation. And for the many buyers with mortgages, the question was asked "Why repay them?" Harold Wincott, then editor of The Investors' Chronicle, offered the almost revolutionary advice: "I can see no reason in an inflationary age why anyone should want to repay a mortgage. In earlier days a mortgage was a slightly embarrassing thing. Today. however, the financially sophisticated regard it as an excellent arrangement to gear up the equity value in property by allowing a building society to take the risk of a depreciation in the value of money." Which brings us up to date.

The market was changing, and the country houses now in demand were those with "labour-saving equipment which needed far fewer servants".

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ALTHOUGH the property market was active in 1947, prices were still falling and continued to do so until 1952. According to the agents Jackson Stops & Staff, 50 per cent of its properties over £10,000 were withdrawn from the market before finding a buyer.



This charming 12-bedroom Georgian residence in 17 acres of orchard, paddocks and formal rose and kitchen gardens, in Windsor Forest, Berkshire, was for sale in November 1947 at £13,500 (which equates to £290,655 in 1997, although its market value would be nearer £5 million, says Jeckson Stops & Staff), it had two bathrooms, a lodge house, stables and other outbuildings.

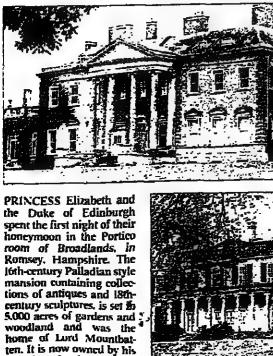


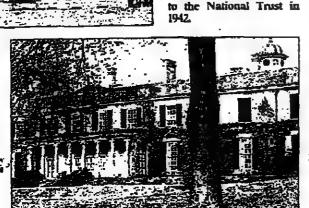
On the fringe of Ashdown Forest, this ten-bedroom Sussex house, in 32 acres of well laid-out gardens and grounds, could be had for £13,750 (£296,037 in 1997; market value £1 million plus, according to Savills). Modernised throughout, it had five bathrooms, an Aga cooker, central heating, two cottages, garages, and a swimming pool.



For £15,000 (£322,950 in 1997; market value £3 million, says Knight Frank) you could buy this 25-bedroom country seat in 11 acres, in Herdordshire. The red-brick mansion, 440ft up, facing southeast and approached by a drive, had central heating modem drainage, five reception rooms, four bathrooms, a kitchen, servants hall and housekeeper's room; garages and stabland.

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Sun, sea and holiday camps such as Butlin's were great favourites as the British learnt to enjoy themselves again after the war

## For you the war is over

brought his young family back from South Africa to begin a new life in his ancestral home, Woburn Abbey, writes John Young, His son, Lord Tavistock, recalled later that the weather was cold and wet and the huge house, uninhabited for many years, was cluttered with furniture, pictures and ornaments.

In July that year two govern-ment-appointed committees, known colloquially as Hobhouse and Huxley, reported on measures to protect some of the most scenic and fragile areas of England and Wales by designating them either as national parks or as nature

There was no obvious link at the

reports and Bedford's homecoming. But both in their different ways paved the way for a new relationship between the urban masses and their rural heritage. Public access was not a new

issue. The early enclosures in the 18th and 19th centuries provoked widespread riots, but anger diminished as more and more landless peasants left the countryside for the cities. Urban and rural populations became estranged, largely ignorant of each other's way of life.

After the First World War large numbers of people began fleeing the cities at weekends, by train or bicycle, in search of recreation. However, access to popular moor-lands, such as the Peak District



Trains to the coast were packed as seaside resorts enjoyed a boom after the war

between Sheffield and Manchester, was frequently restricted and public frustration erupted in famous mass trespass on Kinder Scout in 1932.

At the same time the Councils for the Preservation (now Protec-

tion) of Rural England and Wales expressed concern about the threat to scenery and wildlife from urban development such as the proliferation of seaside holiday homes, The Town and Country Planning Act of 1947 gave local authori-

ties powers to regulate such developments, but it was still felt that some of the most beautiful areas parks. The first such parks were designated two years later but nearly all the land remained in

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private ownership and the ques-tion of access was still unresolved. While farmers and owners of sporting estates were generally opposed to greater public access, many owners of country houses were preparing to open their homes to raise revenue. The idea was not a new one, but Bedford at Woburn and Lord Montagu at Beaulieu pioneered a commercial pproach, introducing an element of the fairground for those with a limited appetite for furniture and

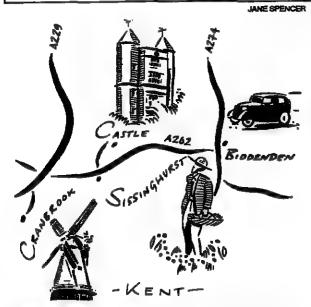
family portraits. In due course, "theme parks" and "safari adventures" would provide a strong counter-attraction to what in 1947 was overwhelmingly the most popular form of outing a trip to the seaside. It was the heyday of the coastal resort; trains packed with holidaymakers rumbled through a countryside for which most pasngers had little enthusiasm.

While seaside landladies and hoteliers delighted in their new prosperity after the lean war years, probably the biggest beneficiary was Billy Butlin, a South African emigre raised in Canada, who opened his first holiday camps, at Skegness and Clacton, in the 1930s. During the war the camps accommodated troops and he was commissioned to build three more.

After the war, Butlin bought them back, and in the summer of 1947 they attracted 500,000 "happy campers". Many were ex-servicemen and women who enjoyed the communal atmosphere and organised entertainment. It was like war without the nasty bits.

It was a long, hot summer and a golden one for cricket when Dennis Compton's record-breaking achievements were witnessed by capacity crowds. Football crowds were bigger than ever and speciator sports flourished.

Hunting, too, had survived the war years, even though the first instinct of many hunts had been to have their hounds put down. Fishing was well-established as a working man's pastime. If shooting, by comparison, was slow to recover its popularity, it was perhaps because most people had by then had quite enough of guns.



#### ON THE SPOT: SISSINGHURST CASILE

Rural recommendations

The place: Sissinghurst Castle, Kent The view: from the top of the tower, above the room used for writing by Vita Sackville-West, is a fine view of the rose garden. On the other side is the White Garden and beyond the garden borders lie casthouses, woods and fields.

Historical interest: the Tudor mansion was bought in 1930 by Vita Sackville-West and her husband, Harold Nicolson. Together they created one of Britain's most beautiful gardens which remains a perfect example of colour and form.

Time to visit: April, September and October to avoid the crowds. How to get there: follow signposts from A262.

OS map ref: 808/384 on sheet 188. Also nearby: the ancient village of Biddenden with its medieval Cloth Hall and the magnificent windmill at Cranbrook. Further afield is Knole House, the childhood home of Vita Sackville-West and base from which Virginia Woolf wrote Orlando. The

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## Land of hope and hard labour ·

For Britain's farmers, 1947 brought changes that would

alter an ancient way of life, writes John Young

he year 1947 marked a watershed in the history of British farm-ing. The passing of the Agriculture Act meant that for the first time farmers could look forward to guaranteed prices and markets for almost everything they produced. Subsidies would be paid out of general taxation and would not be reflected in higher food

Broadly speaking, income beet would in future be underpinned by deficiency pay-ments, which compensated for any difference between a no-tional guaranteed price and what they could obtain on the market. Milk, eggs and pota-toes would be sold through state marketing boards.

It was a system that was destined to work fairly successfully for the next quarter of a century, until Britain joined the EEC and embraced its now notorious Common Agri-cultural Policy (CAP). The huge increases in productivity that have made the CAP so expensive to operate were undreamt of 50 years ago.

For the previous 150 years. farming had experienced a succession of booms and slumps. From 1870 onwards it

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had been in fairly general decline, reaching its nadir in the 1930s Depression when farms were abandoned and much of the countryside became derelict.

The Second World War changed things dramatically. Under the slogan "Dig for Victory", almost every avail-able acre came under the plough, from pasture to landscaped country estates, municipal parks and back gardens.

Once farming resumed a more normal pattern, the agricultural landscape was seen to have changed very little. Most farms were mixed holdings, growing a few acres of grain

assortment of livestock, sheep, pigs, chickens and, perhaps, a small dairy herd.

The average farm size was between a quarter and a third of what it is today. About twothirds were tenanted, in many cases from big landowners who needed the income to maintain their country houses and estates. In the following years, as landowners found themselves increasingly burdened by tax and expenses, more and more farms would come on the market and banks would encourage tenants to become owner-occupiers and expand their holdings.

In the early postwar years, nearly half a million workers were employed on farms, compared with fewer than 100,000 today. Many lived in tied cottages, which partly com-pensated for extremely low wages — less than £4 for a 48hour week - but provided no security since they could be evicted at short notice.

or today's conserva-tionists, 1947 was a golden age — before hedges and copses ripped out, wetlands drained and heathland ploughed to make way for huge featureless comfields. There were no battery cages, intensive pig pens or mechanised milking parlours. still drawn by horses.

But the idyllic rural picture was largely an illusion. John Webster, 82, began farming in Ormskirk. Lancashire, 55 years ago. He remembers that on reclaimed land there was always a drainage problem and that in a wet autumn he was liable to lose most of his

"We had no mains for electricity or water and it was just sheer hard work for all of us, especially the womenfolk," he recalls. "But it was a good life and we were happy.

changed completely. We had mechanisation and there were fewer jobs, so a lot of people went to work in the factories. Arthur Court, now nearly 90, began farming at 16 with "a stick and a pale". During the war much of the grassland was ploughed to grow cereals but after the war the farm went back into expanded milk production. "By then we had much better feeding and breeding and that pushed production up to perhaps

wice prewar levels," he says. Now most farmers have computers and the cows walk into the milking parlour and trigger off a mechanical

FEATHER REPORT

WHAT would a birdwatcher who had been away from Britain since 1947 find if he

strolled through the country-

side today? At first, he might

think that very little had

in the woods in summer he

would still find the blackcaps

singing lustily in the trees

skylarks singing overhead, and would probably not notice

that on farms where there

were a dozen pairs in his

boyhood, there were only

three or four pairs now. He would find a few yellowham-

mers singing in the hedges.

but would then perceive that

changed.

branches.



In the early postwar years, nearly half a million workers were employed on farms

system. It is all so different but I can't say it is any better. In those days, we certainly didn't have as many restrictions." In return for price support,

farmers were expected to accept more government control of their lives. At the beginning of the war, the Defence of the Realm Act gave the government draconian powers to control and direct food production, including dispossessing farmers who failed to reach their targets; about 15,000 were turned off their farms.

These highly unpopular powers were extended for a further six years after the war. But the 1947 Act, besides establishing guaranteed prices, also offered grants for modernisation and advice from a new government-run scientific advisory service.

The National Farmers lor. A puritanical teetotaller. review, which greatly strengthened the farming lobby as a force to be reckoned

with in years to come. The reason for the government's intense interest in agriculture was that the food crisis, far from easing after the war, appeared to be getting worse. Those living on farms enjoyed luxuries denied to their urban brethren; meat, milk, butter, fruit and vegeta-

bles were plentiful. But for the rest of the population it was a different story. In 1946 bread, cakes, flour and oatmeal were rationed for the first time. The very embodiment of austerity was the gaunt figure of Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancel-

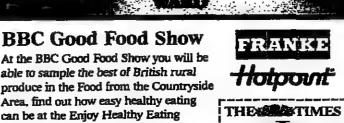
Union was brought in as a he set about reducing imports partner in the annual price to save scarce foreign exchange. An immediate cut in butter and meat rations was followed by reductions in tea.

Although Britain was undoubtedly better fed than most of Europe, which faced near starvation, 1947 was decidedly not a good year for housewives and shopkeepers. But it was an excellent time for the growing army of "spivs" with access to the black market supplying those who could afford to pay. Few then could have foreseen that, 50 years on, the store houses of Europe would be crammed with unsold surpluses and that "greedy" farmers would be blamed.

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## Little friends lost and won

above every bramble clump, and it would only be slowly there were no tree sparrows. ' that he realised he had not There have been real losses heard the familiar nightingale such as these to our bird population since 1947. On the down by the stream, or the wryneck piping in the moors, too, he would find it took a much longer day's walk In the fields, he would hear to hear a curlew or a golden

plover calling. Yet he would also be amazed by some of the things he saw. He would be thrilled to see that dashing little hawk, the hobby, circling over the woods - a bird so rare when he was younger. Other hawks. too, have become commoner

Collared doves have invaded Britain from the Balkans - hen harriers soaring over the moors (perhaps in part responsible, along with the enormous flocks of grazing

> nesting by the Scottish lochs. He would certainly notice the increase in magpies and carrion crows. In fact, it is the larger, predatory birds that have flourished in the past few decades. But on sewage-farms (which he would certainly pay a visit to) he would be

sheep, for the decline in the curlews); and those great white fish-hawks, the ospreys. hood bird guides.

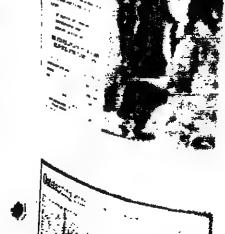
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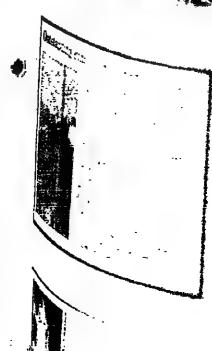












astonished to find little ringed plovers darting briskly about on the mud in spring.

He would be most bemused. I think, by a triple call — "coocoo-coo" -- coming from rooftops wherever he went. When he was last out with his fieldglasses, the collared dove had never been seen in Britain. Since then it has invaded western Europe from the Balkans, and has become one of our commonest birds. I have heard it singing anachronistically in the background of more than one television film set in Edwardian gardens. But our observer would not even find it mentioned in his boy. . . . . . . . . .

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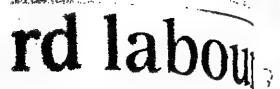
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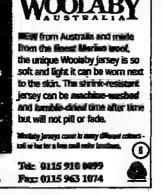




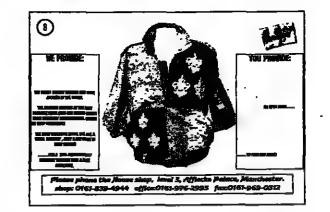














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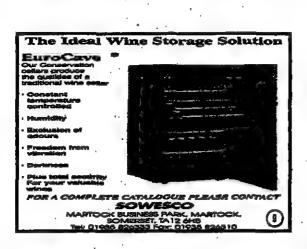
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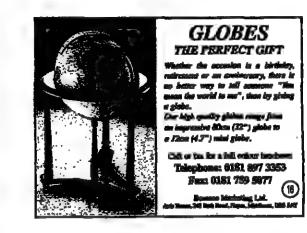














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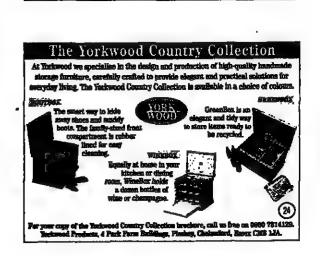
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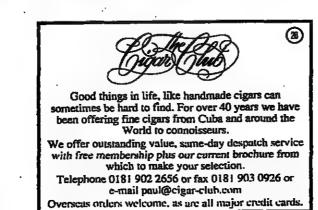
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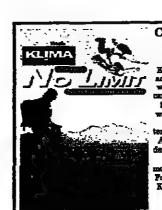
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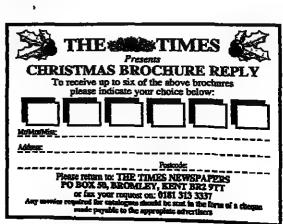




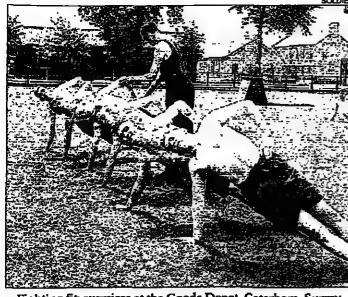
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### William Rees-Mogg remembers when he achieved promotion to acting sergeant in the RAF Education Corps



## My brief career in the RAF

or most of those who lived through it. 1947 was one of of their lives. It started with an exceptionally cold winter in which supplies of coal ran out. These were fuelless days, electric fires burnt only a dull red, and crowds suddenly discovered the fascination of tropical plants at Kew Gardens and tropical birds at various zoos around the country.

ation of the Attlee Government for administrative competence. For years afterwards the Conservative Party speakers' handbook carried a much-loved quotation from Emmanuel Shinwell: "There will be no fuel crisis. I am the Minister for Fuel and Power and I ought to

I spent that winter as a National Service clerk in a Nissen hut at Flying Training Command Headquarters in Reading, Berkshire, We burnt anything we could lay our hands on, except the snooker table. in an effort to keep the hut warm;

In the summer I was sent on a

to be turned into an acting sergeant in the RAF Education Corps. That I

enjoyed.
Wellesbourne Mountford is situated close to Stratford-upon-Avon where I went to the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre; and I managed to stay with cousins who then lived in the beautiful village of Clifford Chambers. Their house was said to have a rather sad association with Shakespeare. In 1616 he went there for a drinking party, returned home flushed with mulled wine. caught a chill which turned to pneumonia, and died. I do not know whether the story is true. We had a splendidly crazy wing commander who was in charge of

the course. He was concerned that we should have brightly polished boots, something I was never any good at. He told us a long and rambling story about a Canadian Mountie who was sent into the wilderness to capture an outlaw. It took him three years to find his man and three years to bring him back. Nevertheless, he walked into a police station with his Mountie



been some cricket - 1947 was a vintage year, and I saw Denis Compton score a century at Lord's. royal wedding on tele-

vision that day but I able witness. I believe we saw the whole ceremony but that may well have been the Coronation, which was six years later. I remember Richard Dimbleby giving the com-mentary but he did that at the Coronation as well. My one vivid memory is of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip coming out of Westminster Abbey, the bride with her veil pushed back, looking radiantly happy. I remember that it appeared to be snowing — but on television in 1947 it snowed all the

As the education sergeant at the headquarters, I was not exactly fully employed. Consequently, I

#### 1947 MONTH BY MONTH

February: Britain paralysed by the coldest weather since ISSI.

March: the big freeze ends with the country's worst ever flooding. sheep and 500,000 acres of wheat are lost. April: The minimum school leaving age is raised from 14 to 15.
 May: Britain's footballers beat the Rest of Europe 6-1 at Hampden Park.

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June: The statue of Eros returns to Piccadilly Circus.

July: Jack Kramer of America wins the Wimbledon men's singles title.

August: The first Edinburgh international festival is staged, with 800 artists from 20 countries: Britain's first atomic reactor is opened at Harwell.

■ September: The government asks women to save cloth by wearing shorter skirts; the cricket season ends with Denis Compton on a record-breaking 3.816 runs. October: 31 die in a rail crash at Croydon and 21 in a rail crash at Berwick. November: Three people are killed in a secret rocket test in Buckinghamshir
 December: Three-times prime minister Stanley Baldwin dies.

arranged to have tutorials on 17thcentury history at Reading University, for which my tutor was paid grateful to him to this day.

I tried, and failed, to teach an illiterate WAAF to read. I taught young officers general knowledge for their officers promotion exam. I remember telling them, with all the authority of a 19-year-old, that they front of my education officer, who would acquire an excellent grasp of was a squadron leader. One of my

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I drafted a general knowledge quiz to find out what, if anything, they did know. That project had to be dropped when I put the quiz in front of my education officer, who multiple-part questions required the candidate to sort biblical characters into the Old and New Testaments. Unfortunately, the squadron leader had not read his Bible. He thought Moses was a figure in the New Testament, and scolded me for setting a quiz which he regarded as unreasonably

The sergeants' mess was not illdisposed towards the royal marriage, but remained more or less stolcally indifferent. We drank our beer and the occasional whisky and soda. I was the only teenager in a group of middle aged men. They saw my life as quite divorced from their concerns, but we wished each other well. Their attitude towards Princess Elizabeth was much the same, but more so.

The following year I left the RAF and returned to Oxford University. As a sergeant I fear that I had failed to impress my Commanding Of-ficer. He wrote a reference in my leaving book: Sergeant Rees-Mogg is capable of performing routine tasks under close supervision." I only wish that were true.

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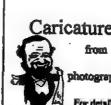
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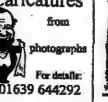
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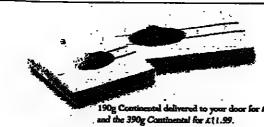






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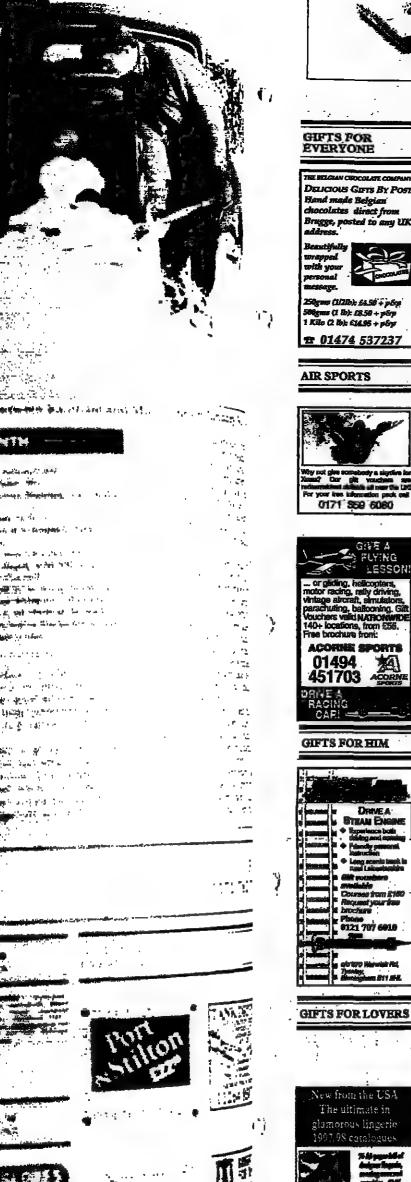
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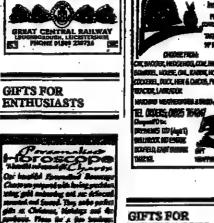
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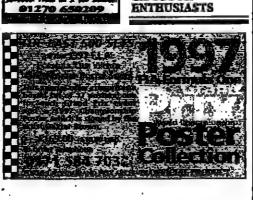
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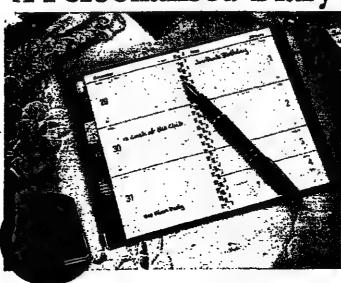
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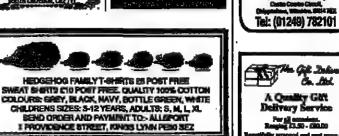














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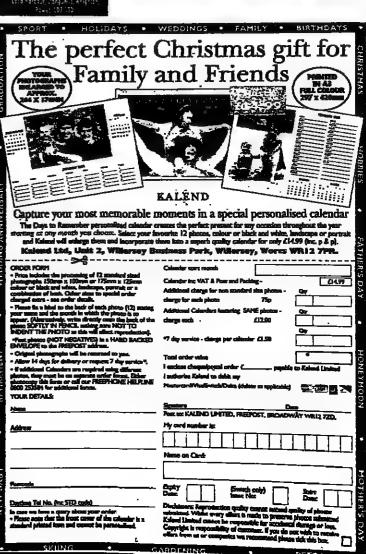
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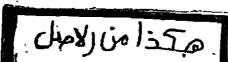
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## United in thanksgiving

We will hear a special prayer tomorrow, says Ruth Gledhill

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our days before the royal wedding in 1947, William McKie, the Westminster Abbey organist, was summoned to Buckingham Palace. Princess Elizabeth wanted a special descant to Crimond (The Lord's My Shepherd) to be sung at the service.

No. she had no idea what the descant was

called and she certainly did not have a copy of it. So she called Princess Margaret and, together, the sisters sang the tune to Dr McKie. He noted it down on manuscript paper and bustled back to teach it to his choristers at the Abbey choir school, which had just been reopened after being used by the War Office during the war.

The choir duly sang Crimond at the service. Next week, the charisters will again sing Crimond and this descant in a service which like the royal wedding, will begin with one of the Queen's favourite hymns, Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven.

The musical programme at the Service of Thanksgiving for the royal wedding annivers-

together with the approval of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh Martin Neary, the Abbey's present organist, has written a special setting for May the Grace of Christ. Some music from the service marking the 25th anniversary will also be played, as well as Benjamin Britten's Jubilate, which was written for the Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor, at the request of the Duke of Edinburgh, Peter Phillips, one of the Queen's grandsons, will read at the service from Ephesians, chapter three, and the Archbishop of Canterbury will deliver the

In addition, the Archbish-ups of Canterbury and York have together written a special prayer to mark the anniversary. Dr George Carey, at Lambeth Palace, and Dr David Hope, at Bishopthorpe, might come from opposite ends of the Church's spectrum

the one an evangelical Londoner with a large family of children and grandchildren the other an Anglo-Catholic Yorkshireman committed to a life of celibacy — but in one thing they are united: in their conviction of the need to strengthen marriage and family life in Britain today, and

their belief that "those who pray together, stay

together".

More than 12,000 Church of England clergy are expected to include the prayer in their morning services tomorrow or next Sunday. The prayer is a one-off. In past centuries, it was common for senior clerics to write prayers and today's Church is that bishops rarely seem to do so. They seem to be more likely to issue press releases on political matters, or on debates in the Church's bureaucratic machinery of the General Synod.

The prayer's references to the marriage service, to the vows couples make to have and to hold one another for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health", are deliberate. The aim is to inspire worshippers in church tomorrow to draw inspiration and hope from the example set by the Queen and the

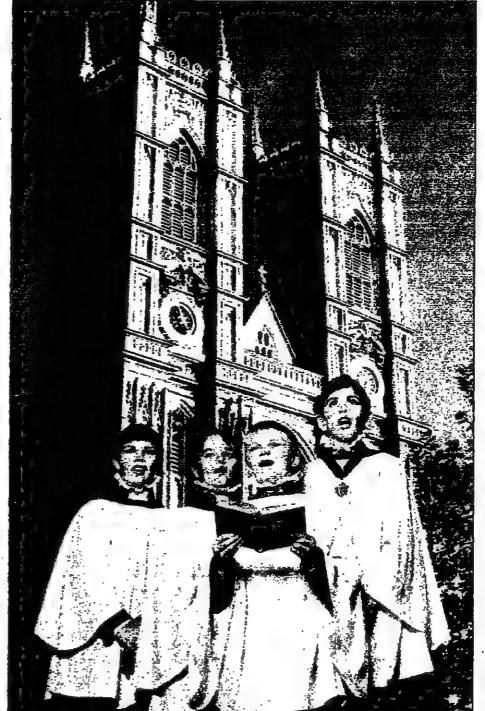
Dr Andrew Purkis, the public affairs adviser

ary in the Abbey on Thursday has been put to Dr Carey, says the prayer is important for two reasons: "Firstly, there is an enormous and very deep respect for the Queen herself and the Duke of Edinburgh, and their quiet but totally devoted sense of service. This sense of service incorporates a very active, profound and important Christian dimension that is deeply appreciated by both the Church and the archbishops. They wanted to give expression to that.

"Secondly, this prayer cele-brates faithful marriage. The archbishops have in mind the fact that there are many people who will be involved in the ers who have been invited to garden parties at Buckingham Palace, who are all celebrating their golden wedding anniversaries this year."

The prayer has been approved for public worship in the Church of England in connection with the anniversary, but the archbishops hope it will become a part of private prayer as well.

As one church insider said: The hope is that people listening to this will not only Duke of Edinburgh, but will be reminded of their own



The service in Westminster Abbey will include some of the Queen's favourite hymns

## Marriage is a serious and wonderful business

one could have imagined the extraor-dinary journey that was about to unfold. It was a predecessor of mine as Archbishop of York. Dr Cyril Garbett, who had the honour of preaching at the wedding in 1947. Emphasising the universality of the occasion, he pointed out that although a single wedding had never in the history of the world been followed with such interest by so many people. the sacrament of marriage itself the solemn vows, the exchange of rings - is the same throughout the land. At the heart of every Christian wedding is the same dedication, the same commitment, the same acknowement that their life together

hen Princess Elizabeth and

Prince Philip exchanged

solemn vows of marriage in

Westmister Abbey 50 years ago, no

could be lived only under God. Following the Coronation in 1952, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip continued to be the most watched, scrutinised and publicly married couple in the world as the growing and demanding media fixed their

became a more "public" royal family. This, of course, was not without its nitfalls. Political questioning under various governments, media intrusion, the changing face and status of Britain in the world brought renewed and unexpected pressures.. Privacy became even more difficult

and the family was often put under impossible pressure. Yet whatever the difficulties faced by the Queen and Prince Philip, they have faced them together. And together in their marriage they have presented a sound and stable

response amid change and uncert-



ainty. Next week, in Westminster Abbey, a special service will offer prayers of thanksgiving for the witness which their marriage has provided and for the sacrament of marriage itself. Similar prayers will be offered in parish churches throughout the land.

Marriage is a relationship which



richer, for noorer, in sickness and in health". It is not for the casual or the faint-hearted. It is a covenant in which a man and a woman come together in response to God's call to share with him in creating from their two disparate lives - a

clauses; it has no built-in cut-

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new identity in which individuality is not a sacrifice but complemented. It is a new relationship steeped and grounded in self-giving love which characterises the bond between Christ and his Church. It is a serious business, but it is also a wonderful one, as countless married couples

will testify. However, we must not play down the aspect of seriousness. A society which is increasingly unstable and uncertain, and correspondingly selfish and superficial in its responses, needs a good measure of this sort of seriousness. And not just within the special relationship of marriage. For there is a spiritual dimension to life and living which we ignore at our peril.
In his final words of advice to the

young Princess and her bridegroom, my predecessor said: The nearer you keep to God, the nearer you will keep to one another. Let Him always be the unseen guest in your home. Never let a day pass without speaking to God in prayer. Every day pray for one another and for His help and

In their life together, our Queen and her husband have learnt for themselves the deep truth of these simple words. They are words which remain every bit as wise and valuable today as ever they were. David Hope is the Archbishop of

## Ancient and modern song



Ruth Gledhill on her chance to worship at a royal inner sanctum

IT IS one of the endearing is still possible for a commoner to enter the inner sanctum of a royal palace in order to go to church.

Of all the chapels that house the Chapel Royal — not a building but the ancient foundation of priests, singers and vestry men appointed to serve the sovereign — the one at St James's Palace is the most intimate and appealing. This was where Victoria and Albert were married. and also George V.

It was built in the loth century by Henry VIII for the worship of one of his illegitimate sons, Henry Fitzroy, whom he had in tended should succeed him. It was here that Elizabeth I prayed for her country from the Spanish Armada.

The chapel, with its red velvet curtains, tapestries. feather-soft kneelers and Victorian box news, is reached across the cobbled courtyard of the palace, where the Prince of Wales ment. A dozen-plus worshippers gathered for the early morning communion service. We used copies of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer which still invoked

prayers for King George. We were guided to our pews by David Baldwin. Serjeant of the Vestry and author of The Chapel Royal, Ancient & Modern, the history of the institution. The Rev Richard Bolton, chaplain of Merchant Taylors' school in Northwood and one of the "priests-inordinary" assigned to take services regularly, was the celebrant. We prayed for those who suffer, for those who have been bereaved and for peace. We prayed for the Queen, and for those in authority under her.

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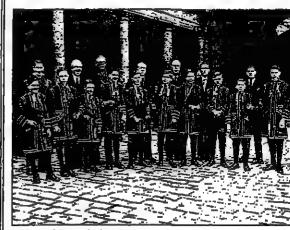
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Chapel Royal choristers at St James's Palace, 1947

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Prisoners' Week; 4 Ch E. LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch. Darke in F: 4.30 E. LINCOLN CATHEDRAL 7.45 L 8 HC:9 M; 9.30 Family Service; II.15 Solemn Euch, Schubert in G: IZ.30 HC: 3.45 E. Euch: 3 Installation of Canons: 4 HC.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL 8.45 M: 9 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Messe Sc NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Canon B Langley; 6 Diocesan Confirmation.

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S. Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria); 6.30 Ch E. Harwood in A flat. NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP. 8. 9.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Lesinga Mass (Archer); 3.30 Service for Road Peace; 6.30 EP. Canon M Perham.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL 930 M; 10.30 Euch, Missa Brevis (Leighton), Canon M Covington; 3.30 E. PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL: I HC; 9.30 C; 11 S Euch, Darke in F, Rev M Macvicar, 6.30 E. Dyson in D. ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL SHC: 9.45

M; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn); 3.15 E, 2nd Service (Gibbons); 6.30 Diocesan Confirmation. SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 Euch, Sarum Mass (Leighton): 11.30 M, Canon J Reynolds; 3 Ch E. SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10

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C; II Solemn Euch, Darke in F, Canon R Capper; 4 E, Walmisley in D minor. VESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M; 11.15 Euch, Missa brevis (Berkeley); 3 E, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7. 8. 9

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in G (Mozart), Fr P Turner, 6 LM. ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8. ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL Edinburgh: 8 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina); 3.30 Ch E, Wood in F. ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, Glasgow:

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II S Euch, Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams); 3.15 E, Rev A Burnham; 5 Organ RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHE-

DRAL, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy, Kievan and traditional polyphony, Met Anthony. ALL SAINTS, WI: 8 LM: 10.20 MP; 11 HM. Rev 1 Davies: 5.15 LM: 6 E & B. ALL SOULS, WI: 8 C; 930 MP, Rev J Cook; 6.30 C, Rev R Trist. THE ASSUMPTION, WI: 11 MS. Missa

iste confessor (Palestrina). CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's Service, 11 M. Rev J Smith; 12.15 HC; 6 E, Rev P Elvy, CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND, WC2: 11.15 MS; 6.30 ES, Rev S

FARM STREET, WI: 8, 9.30 Mass; II Solemn Latin; 12:30, 4:15 Mass; 6:15 LM. HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, SW7: 9 HC; 11 MS; 5, 7.30 Informal Service.
THE ORATORY, SW7: 7. 8, 9, 10, 11,

Missa Pange lingua (Josquin); 12.30 Mass: 3.30 V & B; 4.30, 7 Mass. ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH W8: 11 Holy Mass. Archbishop Y Gizirian. WESLEY'S CHAPEL, EC2: 9.45 HC, Rev Dr I. Griffiths: 11 MS.

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LAND, SWI: II HC, Rev D P Bush; 6.30 ES. Rev J H McIndoe.

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ST JOHN'S, EIS: 11 HC, Prelude & Fugue in D (Bach), Rev D Richards: 6.30 EP. ST LUKE'S, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Ave Verum (Elgar); 12.15 HC; 6.30 E. ST MARK'S, NWI: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C; 11 ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8

HC; 9.45 Euch, Canon G Brown; 11.30 Visitors Service; 2.45 Chinese Service: 6.30 Festal Ch E. Ven C Young. ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, WE 8 HC; 9.30 Euch, Fr F Gelli; 11.15 Ch M; 12.30 HC; 6.30 E. Fr M Fuller. ST MARY'S, SWI: 9, 10, LM; II HM, Missa O Quam gloriosum (Victoria); Fr B Scott; 6 Solemn E & B; 7 LM.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC: 10.30 Euch; 6 Taizé Service. ST MARYLEBONE, WI: 8 HC; II Ch Euch, Mass in E flat (Weber), Prof J

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GRAY'S INN CHAPEL, WC1: 11.15 Divine Service.

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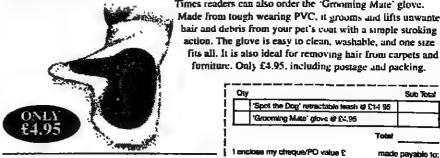
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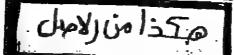
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#### WEEKEND COURSES AND ACTIVITIES

## Enjoyment for all on the cheap

The Queen's golden wedding anniversary next week will be celebrated privately, with only a small number of official events: the Gala Concert at the Festival Hall on Wednesday, organised by Prince Edward, and a Service of Thanksgiving followed by a walkabout at Westminster Abbey the following day. The Queen and Prince Philip will attend a lunch hosted by the Prime Minister and his wife and give a private

Fifty years ago the royal wedding was a great public spectacle, a welcome touch of pageantry and colour in a drab, postwar world: The end of the Second World War had not brought an instant return to prosperity. Two years after the end of the war, food was still rationed, holidays were a luxury and clothes were on "points". Princess Elizabeth's wedding dress took a great many points and "make-do-and-mend" was still the order of the day. Simple, practical ways of getting by and enjoying yourself were all that people could afford,

Here are some courses and activities that - prices apart - would probably have appealed to people 50 years ago.

#### NOVEMBER 21-23

Winter walking weekends: two and three-night breaks in the Cotswolds, Lake District, Wensleydale and the Peak District. Contact English Wanderers (01740 653169). Prices from E99-E143.

Learn practical skills on the Scottish Borders: painting, pottery, drystone walling, fishing. All with Border Hobby Holidays of Kelso (01573 460373). Price per per parallel of 175 weekend, £175.

China painting: Wine apprecia-tion; Colour and style workshop; Continental lace: all at Horncastle College, Horncastle, Lincolnshire (01507 522449). Price per course, £87, residential.

Photography, black and white printing: at Wansfell College, Theydon Bois, Essex (01992813027). Price includes accommodation and tuition, £102.

Keeping the faith, a writer's workshop: a full weekend course at the Hawkwood College at Stroud, in the Cotswolds (01453 759034). Tuition and full board, EIOI. Batik and silk painting: Working in oils: all at the Field Studies

Centre, Flatford Mill, East Bergholt, Essex (01206 298283). Prices from £79-£104 all inclusive. Painting in miniature; Harpsichord workshop; Painting por-traits in oils, Genealogical research with Stella Colwell: at the

Old Rectory. Fittleworth, West Sussex (01798 865306). Price E114 residential, £90 non-residential. Nineteenth-century dance: Floral arts: Calligraphy: Welsh: this weekend at the Hill Residential Centre, Pen Y Pound, Abergavenny, Gwent (01495 333777). Price per course £88 including fullboard accommodation.

Tax for the self-employed; History of the visual arts — Byzantine and Early Christian; Theatre and audience: a selection of the courses available at Missenden Abbey, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire (01494 890295). Prices from EL59 residential, E59 nonresidential.

"We shall remember them" — the story of the First World War; First steps in parchment craft: some courses held this weekend at Knuston Hall Residential College, Irchester. Northamptonshire (01933 312104). Price per course E89 inclusive.

Shamrock and rose, the study of Irish history: Literature tutorial weekends: at Wedgwood Memorial College, Barlaston, Stafford-shire (01782 372105). Prices from £36-£70 inclusive, depending on subject. Brochure available.

Bridge for beginners; Stress control and relaxation; Stained glass; Miniature painting for beginners: at the Earnley Concourse, Chichester, West Sussex (01243 670392).



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George VI and Queen Elizabeth appear with Princess Margaret, Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh at the opening of the Festival Hall in London in 1953

From £142 residential and £98 nonresidential.

Royal patronage through the ages: Plato's Republic, George Eliot's Middlemarch: some varied courses at the University of Cambridge, Madingley Hall (01954 210636). Price Ell7, including full-board accommodation and tuition. Creative writing: Greetings cards in watercolour: all at Lancashire College, Southport Road, Chorley (01257 260909). Price per course.

Conservation in action: energy, resources and recycling, and how to save heat and stay warm this winter: at the Field Studies Centre, Flatford Mill, East Bergholt, Essex (01206 298283). Prices from £79-£104, inclusive.

#### NOVEMBER 28-30

Make your own Christmas cards: a weekend of creative paper-making at the Hawkwood College, Stroud, Gloucestershire (01453) 759034). Price for full board. £101. A taste of Buddhism; Creative writing: at the Ammerdown Centre, Radstock, near Bath (0176). 433709). Prices from £36-£69. Schubert's 150th anniversary: at Braziers, Ipsden, Wallingford, Oxon (01491 680221). Price £92, all

Enamelling, a beginner's week-end: at Flatford Mill Field Study Centre (01206 298283), East Bergholt, Essex, Prices from £79-£102 inclusive.

A writers' workshop; Christmas quilting Straw lacework; Landweekend at the Hill Residential College, Abergavenny, Gwent (01395 333777). Price per course £88 inclusive. Stepping out for Samarkand, a

writing course: Diaghilev and the Ballets Russes: Knotting in embroidery, Modern Painting Series 2 - Post-Impressionis all this weekend at Missenden Abbey, Great Missenden, Bucking-hamshire (01494 890295). Price £159 residential and £59 non-residential. Silversmithing, bangles and spoons, Painting the fruits of autumn; Life drawing, Viola concert music at West Dean College,

Chichester, West Sussex (01243 811301). Prices from £150 residential and £97 non-residential. Handbells in harmony, Winter

landscapes in watercolour, Christmas decorations, Natural history illustration, how to draw and paint wildlife, plants, flowers and insects: at the Old Rectory, Fittleworth, West Sussex (01798 865306). Prices from £114 residential, £90 non-residential.

#### DECEMBER 5-7

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Stained glass, Lighting design: at the Lancashire College, Chorley (01257 260909). Price per course £96, all inclusive. We were amused — entertainment

and leisure in the Victorian era: The music of Spain: two courses this weekend at the Old Rectory, Fittleworth, West Sussex (01798 865306). Price from £114 residential, £90 non-residential. Handmade chocolairs for Christ-

mas: A Christmas bridge party: Competitive duplicate bridge with partners for singles; Painting on stile; You too can sing; all at the Earnley Concourse, Chichester, West Sussex (01243-670392). Price per course, £142 residential, £98 non-residential. Folk music for fun: at Belstead

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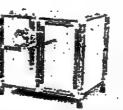
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An end to tough times for four-legged friends

**Jack Crossley** reports on how

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hile columns of newspaper coverage were devoted to the royal was still plenty of space given to that other enduring British passion - pets. Hundreds of thousands of them were put down when the Second World War started -German dachshunds had a particularly bad time - but by 1947 pets were well on their way to winning themselves back into our lives.

As a wedding gift to Princess Elizabeth, the RSPCA presented her with a picture of her mother fondling her corgi, Crackers, and in its 124th annual report for 1947 reproduced this two-hanky tearjerker which had entranced newspaper readers.

Widespread interest and sympathy were aroused by the case of Stripey, a brindle greyhound bitch, whose owner, ill-clad and shivering in bitterly cold weather, was

The animal, however, was obviously well fed and cared for - her master's coat being carefully wrapped around her body as a protection against the biting wind. Not as a trick to gain the sympathy of passers-by, but because a deep love existed between these two outcasts of the grey London streets. tion the destruction of Stripey, who

until she can rejoin her master. The reunion will be a joyful one, but what of her future? It is difficult to foretell, but one thing is certain: Stripey will receive from

is now being cared for by the society



and attention which many animals in more fortunate circum-

stances might well envy.

The year 1947 was also the first year that prayers for animals were offered in Canterbury Cathedral.

It was all a big comeback for pets. During the war they were not permitted in public air-raid shelters were told: "Muzzle your dog and put your cat in a basket --frenzied animals are dangerous
and difficult to handle." Owners of

air raids, they should not gallop them to safety or leave them tied to lamp posts or Belisha heacons.

Dennis Hipgrave was a young RSPCA worker in Sister Mabel's Dispensary at Camberwell. South London, in 1939, Now 78, he says: Pets were the first victims of the war. From day one people rushed to have their animals put down. They felt it was more humane to



WARTIME HERO 1, from the Daily Sketch: William Gardener (left), who was rescued with head injuries, insisted on helping the Civil Defence workers save a woman from a bombed-out house and then, after several hours, recovered his dog, Sally."

WARTIME HERO 2, from the Press News Service "Wild cats from bombed sites behind Fleet Street keep a dinner date with their nightly benefactress (above). Says 83-year-old Mrs Blackmore: Sometimes it costs us a pound a week to supply 20 dinners a night'."

One victim of the Blitz had a lucky break. A Scottie named Jock was rescued by the father of Brian Leonard, now a spokesman for the Kennel Club. "We lived in the country and had chickens, pigs and wild rabbits. Jock was an excellent ratter, so he was better fed than

people on rations." Cruft's Dog Show was abandoned for the duration of the war until 1948. During the war, the club changed the name of the German shepherd dog to alsatian and in 1977 changed it again to German shepherd dog (alsatian). In 1940, the number of alsatians registe with the club sank to 555. By 1947 it

abuse, and in 1939 their registered number at the club was 1,569, but by 1947 the figure rose to 5,248.

osemary Goudy, now secretary of the National Cat Club, had a blue Persian . named Mitzi, who "slept with me through every damned air raid there was". She says: "Mitzi's diet was the same as ours - beans on toast, a bit of bacon if you were lucky, Spam, whalemeat, even Bovril with stale bread. You scrounged round the butcher and fishmonger for off-cuts." Budgies had a bad time of

rationing. The greatest problem was the shortage of seed, because

tried collecting seeds from weeds, but tens of thousands of budgies died from malnutrition. Harry Bryan, a world champion breeder, estimated that not more than 20

breeders managed to keep their

budgies until the end of the war. Jim Hutton, a breeder and international judge, remembers how the price of wartime budgie seed soared from 15 shillings (75p) to £100 a hundredweight — at a time when "every second or third house had a budgie" In 1947, the pet-food industry was

in its infancy and Pedigree was delighted to receive an order for

#### Robin Young discovers how the Palace used an ordinary household object in dog breeding

## Royal rise of the corgi and dorgi

hey say animal lovers make the best friends. The Queen's enthusiasm for does and horses is tempered with a lot of the sound, unfussy commonsense practicality which makes a sure foundation for a life, and a marriage.

Let me illustrate it with the only good gossipy anecdote I have ever had direct from Buckingham Palace. As is pretty well known, the royal pets include a number of dorgis" — crosses between the Queen's corgis and Princess Margaret's dachshunds. A more recent bit of crossbreeding, leaturing a corgi with the head of a rottweiler, made headlines only last week. The dorgis always excited similar curiosity about precisely they were

it was the royal photographer Norman Parkinson who.

at lunch at the Palace one day, finally had the temerity to ask how the breeds could couple successfully, considering their different stature. The Queen was quite unfazed.
"Oh," she said, "it's really very simple. We have a little brick."

How many of us, in need of a leg-up in life, might not have been grateful for just such a little

The Queen's corgis are part of her childhood heritage. The first royal corgi was given to her father in 1933, when he was Duke of York. The dog. a Pembrokeshire corgi, was called Dookie. He was chosen by the Queen Mother from three offered by his breeder, Thelma Gray, on the grounds that he was the only one with much of a stump where his tail had been docked.

We must have the one which has something to wag." the then Duchess of York insisted. "Otherwise how are we going to know if he is pleased or not?" It was while the puppy was being house trained by Mrs Gray that he got his name, having allegedly become too snooty after the royal decision that he would no longer eat from the same dish as the other puppiesPrincess Elizabeth was photographed at the age of seven leading Dookie as a puppy down railway station steps. The papers carried the picture because the corgi was then an unfamiliar breed that excited little attention among English breeders.

Faces like foxes, rumps like guinea fowl, these little animais are trained to do the work of half a dozen men when rounding up cattle," the royal commentators assured their readers, though Dookie's abilities as a cattleherd were never seriously tested.

in 1938 Dookie was "married" to another Weish corgi, called Jane, who was installed to carry on the strain, and the Queen's enthusiasm for the breed was sealed when, for her 18th birthday, she was given her own corgi, Susan. All the corgis still in resi-

dence at the royal palaces -

currently their nix, Pharos, Kelpe Susan and Swift - are descended from the nipped the fecund and usually amiable Susan. servants, a There are also four royal dorgis — Harris, Brandy. detective Cider and Berry and a carrying on a tradi-

tion started in 1971

when one of the

Queen's corgi bitpoliceman ches, Tiny, gave birth to seven puppies fathered by Margaret's dachs **Princess** hund, Pipkin. The then secretary of the Kennel Club said: "The dachshund was evolved to chase

patrolling

gis to round up cattle. If anyone loses a herd of cattle down a badger holt, these are just the dogs to get them out."

The royal association with corgis changed the breed's fortunes completely. By the time the present Queen celebrated her coronation the lowly, cattle-chasing corgi had raced up the ladder of popularity to stand fourth highest in favour on the Kennel Club registers, beaten only at that

badgers down holes, and cor-

alsatian and the pekinese. Dookie's parents were champions and he might have himself become a champion if ever exhibited, but he carried one of his breed's chief charac-

time by the cocker spaniel, the



teristics. Like most corgis he had inherited the habit of his cattle-driving forebears. He was likely to bite the ankles of anything that moved, so on official occasions had to be penned in a place of safety to stop him going for the guests. Inevitably, though, the cor-

gis' nippy habits have reg ularly made news. "Dog bite man" became, in defiance of Fleet Street lore, a headline. First one of the dogs (it could have been Susan, Sugar or Honey) laid into the legs of the royal clockwinder, Leonard Hubbard. Mr Hubbard refused to complain, although he had to admite that the attack on his right leg had left

an inch-long cut. Next it was the turn of a palace sentry, a 23-year-old National Serviceman in the Grenadier Guards called Alfred Edge. This time the attacker was definitely identified. It was Susan, mother of the pack, who flashed at the guardsman's trousers and bit his left ankle. At the time Edge, in best regimental tradition, did not wince, but he had to get medical assistance two days later when the wound moned a linle septic".

Susan later improved her score by nipping various serpatrolling policeman, while her grandson, Whisky, improved the game further by tearing the seat out a Guards

f course, the Royal Family's attentions have not been confined to corgis. At the time of the Queen's accession, her kennels also housed Mimsey, a yellow labrador retriever and her two puppies, Stiffy and Scrummy, and a Tiberan lion dog, Choo-Choo. Ten years later the first dog the Queen entered in a dog show as one of Prince Philip's favourite gun dogs, a two-year-old black labrador called Sandringham Ranger. (He came lourth out of five in a

novice class at King's Lynn.) The Queen has also kept budgerigars. Her racing pigeons win prizes, and since Monaveen won the First Chichester Stakes in 1949 her horses have won more than 600 races including all the English classics, except the

when she was given a Shetland pony called Peggy when she was four, and her equine favourites since have included Betsy, a black-brown mare bought in her coronation year and Burmese, the black mare given to her by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police which she rode for the Troop-ing the Colour from 1969 until the mare's retirement in 1986. (The Queen has not

ridden at a ceremonial occa-

sion since.) But probably none have been closer in the Queen's affections than the corgis. Her vet, Philip Grime, recounted how the Queen "dropped corgi. Tiny (mother of the first dorgis), when the little bitch was dying of acute gastro-And in the royal pet ceme-

tery the little dogs are buried each beneath a headstone recording the dates of their births and deaths and with a little epitaph.

Susan's, for example, says: "For almost 15 years the faithful companion of the Queen", and Sugar's: "For over 16 years the faithful companion



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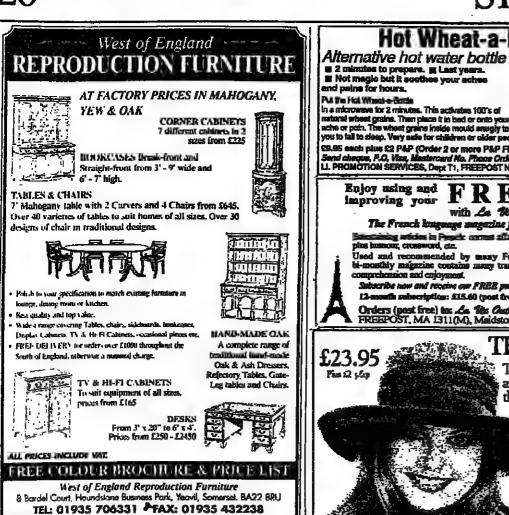
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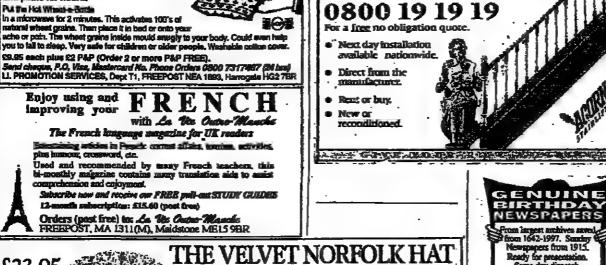
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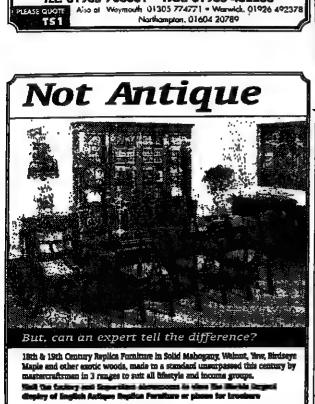
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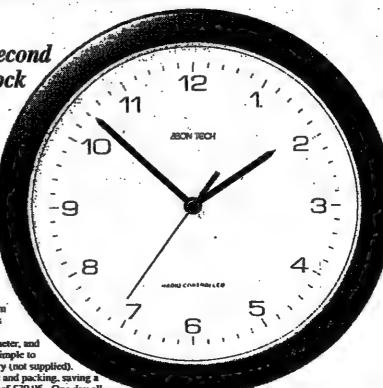
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## Where Churchill dug for victory

walled garden were sold for £200 though they only cost £50 to grow ... the hot houses are dripping with long cucumbers. The grapes are turning black and a continuous stream of peaches and nectarines go to London. I have one a day trayself, le droit de seigneur."

So wrote Sir Winston Chur-chill to his wife in 1947. As well as hothouse fruit, milk, eggs and honey were produced at Chartwell, the Churchill's country seat since 1922. Fruit and vegetables were grown in the kitchen garden throughout the war but although rationing was still in place, produce became positively epicurean. Max Beaverbrook had presented Lady Clementine Churchill with a flock of hens the previous year, the Royal Jer-sey Agricultural Society had given the family a Jersey cow, called May belle of the Isles, and neglected bee hives were reconstructed,

The year before, Sir Win ston Churchill, then Leader of the Opposition had considered selling the house because he could no longer afford to maintain it. It would have been a terrible wrench. "Man. is a land animal," said Sir Winston, "Even rabbits are allowed to have warrens, and foxes have earths."

Churchill's "earth" was Chartwell A consortium of wealthy benefactors bought Chartwell for Sir Winston with the proviso that he and Lady Churchill should live there during their lifetime.

After their deaths it would pass to the National Trust and be opened to the public as a permanent memorial.

When Churchill accepted Chartwell in 1922 for the view", it was diiapidated, ugly and inconvenient. It soaked up money. His early attempts at farming were a failure and his landscaping projects in the garden ambitious and expensive. Lady Churchill was con-

stantly worried about the cost. By 1924 most of the architectural work on the house was complete and Winston worked on the garden. He described



Chartwell was bought for Churchill and his wife, Clementine, by wealthy benefactors

#### ME AND MY GARDEN: WINSTON CHURCHILL

his activities in a letter to Lady Churchill: "All yesterday & today we have been turfing & levelling the plateau, the mofor mower acts as a roller, and we have done everything now except from the yew tree to the kitchen garden end." The children were roped in

to help, as were his detective and chauffeur. Below the house, he was draining a lake and building a dam so that he could make a swimming pool. Again, his luckless detective was involved. Thompson and I have been wallowing in the most fifthy black mud you ever saw, with the vilest odour."

Churchill built the impressive walls that surround the vegetable garden. Most photographs of Winston bricklaying do not do justice to their height or extent. The orchard was planted. Trees went in "every quarter of an hour". Sir Samuel Hoare visited

Chartwell and said: "I have never seen Winston before in the role of landed proprietor. Most of Sunday morning we inspected the property and the engineering works which he is engaged."

In 1934, a ha-ha, created for Lady Churchill so that "your eye will plunge, as you desire, across a valley of unbroken green", proved especially troublesome. Sir Winston hired a mechanical digger for two weeks at a cost of £25 to dig the ha-ha and create an island in the lake by severing a promon-tory of land. The machine had a personality of its own.

n a week he will do more than 40 men. He is a caterpillar and can work the most sloppy fields without doing any harm." This was Churchillian optimism. By the end of the month, he writes: "The island has proved a bigger and longer business than I expec-ted. The machine became hopelessly bogged and by at the beginning of March "had sunk deeper into the mud and wallowed himself into an awful pit. It became necessary to bring in hydraulic jacks... after nearly a week, the animal

emerged from his hole and practically finished the job though there is a formight's tidying up for five men." During the war, garden,

fields and woods had been neglected. Clementine wrote to a cousin: "It's in a sad state. We are told by the gardener that the garden can never be got back!" Her husband would distract the gardeners from what she considered to be their proper task by making them help with cutting down trees. clearing undergrowth and re-building walls and fences. Lady Churchill wanted the gardeners to grow vegetables. restore the flower borders and return the lawn to a smooth sward. The conflict was resolved when Churchill found workers of his own, including two German prisoners of war. Mary Soames, Churchill's daughter, said: "In good times or bad, Chartwell never failed him and it was the place he

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Churchill at his beloved Chartwell: "the place he most liked to be in all the world"

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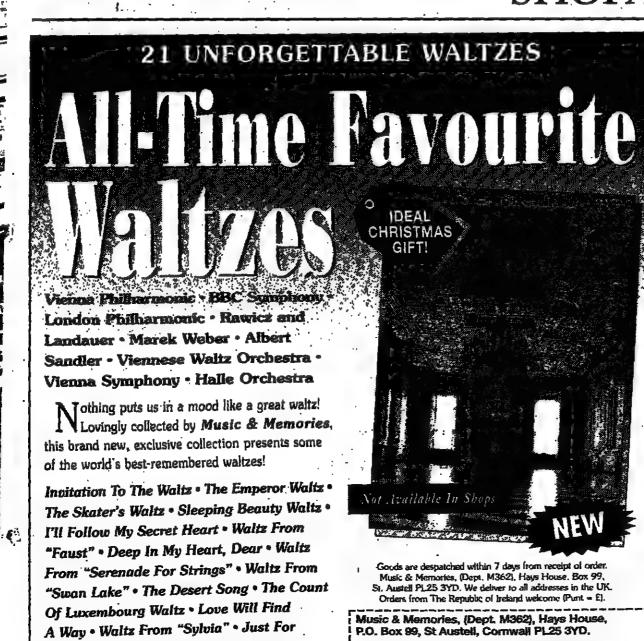
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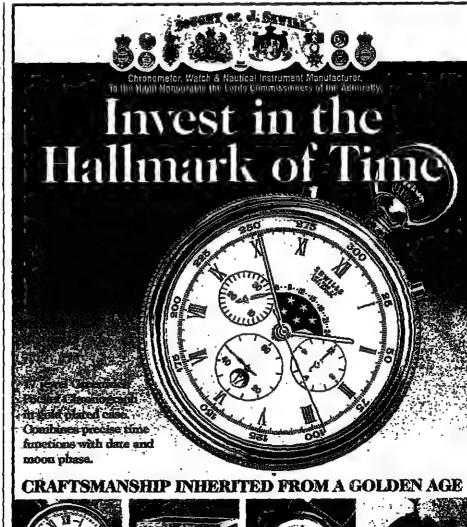
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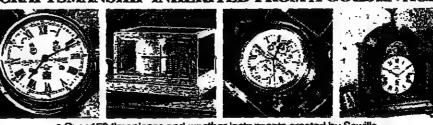
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emory can be remarkably se-lective. By the time of the royal wedding in November 1947. people wanted to forget the bitter, snowy weather of that spring and the storms and flash-floods of summer. Carters, the seed suppliers,

were apologising about the shortage of broad bean seeds that autumn. And Lord Aberconway, in his presiden-tial address to the Royal Horticultural Soci-

ety, remarked that horticulturally, the country was still in "the chill before the dawn" of better times. The country house estates were looking forward to getting away from the Dig for Victory mode and back to planting for plea-

"I am very fond of vegetables," Lord Aberconway said at the fern Osmunda regalis were time, "but I do not wish to share my flower garden with vegetables in the same way that, while I am very fond of bacon, I do not wish to share

my house with a pig."

Austerity reigned in gardening, as in everything else. Plants were scarce and expensive. To cheer people up, the Chelsea Show listed in its catalogue three pages of brass band concerts in Ranelagh Gardens.

With the approval of the Commons, postwar officialdom was required to wear a cheery face in the form of official window boxes — scarlet pelargoniums for the War Office and blue hydrangeas for the Admiralty. Parkers Bulbs could offer 100 silvery "Princess Elizabeth" tulips for 30 shillings (£1.50). The Department of Transport appointed an official to advise on the aesthetics of road planning, but in a hastily convened extraordinary gen-eral meeting, the Roads Beautifying Association decided not to disband (it had been at work since 1928), but to hang in there and keep an eye on DoT benunification.

In greenhouses, heating was still banned except for the production of tomatoes, lettuce, mustard and cress, and for the raising of young vege-

tables. Manpower was short, and the electric greenhouse 'Autoscythe heater was heavily promoted, because no one had to stoke it in the small

Postwar garden-ing was blissfully unaware that many of its activities would be of serious concern to future gardeners. Dry fibres of the

still for sale for orchid growing, although it is now recognised as having been almost cropped to extinction in some parts of Britain.

Water-worn limestone pavement (now a threatened habitat) could still be bought from Westmoreland and selected personally on site. It was delivered post-free. Limestone and tufa were still being sold from Matlock Bath in Derbyshire. Rock gardens remained a main competitive category of show gardens at Chelsea.

The year also saw advertisements for the ACME Powder Blower (patent pending), showing the blower puffing away at sweet little planet Earth with the new wonder chemical DDT, and calomel. The Waldust Power Distributor, with similarly global ambitions, ran an advertisement



The lack of able-bodied gardeners, absent on military duties, introduced a new generation to the horticultural effort on the home front

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As ever, commerce and science were slightly out of sync. Even in 1946, Lord Aberconway referred to research at Wisley on DDT, showing that this "powerful insecticide may have more results, some of them harmful, than perhaps some of us realise at the moment." How true.

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and no use; if you stopped too soon it would also be of little use, as he would survive unchanged. But if you could stop at just the right place where he was nearly hanged. you might get out of him a reformed man." I think we can see what he meant.

war lawnmowers of the cylinder variety. from Ransomes and Webbs and Dennis. looked almost exactly as they do today. More surprising is that rotary machines, such as the Rotoscythe, were even then available, looking exactly like their modern counterparts. Allens, the first company to produce a self-propelled motor scythe, was proudly advertising its famous Autoscythe. I drove one of these in the late 1970s; it was rather like trying to cut grass with a hand-held Spitfire. You held on for dear life, fearing a crippling blow in the grassbox from the handlebars, as they leapt around. It was meadow gardening by

During the war, the Grim

Reaper had showed no broth-erly affection for gardeners, discussed. and experienced men were hard to find. The Gardeners' Chronicle of November 15

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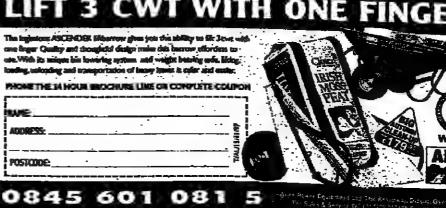


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## Chelsea back on top with a dazzler

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show swept back

with only seven

months' notice

or gardeners the war years had been drab as they chan-nelled their efforts into the practical vegetable patch rather than the herbaceous border. But the 1947 Chelsea Flower Show was to change all that.

The Royal Horticultural Society was back in business, and no one can have been more delighted than the society's patron, George VI, a rhododendron man - no one, that is, unless it was the 2nd Baron Aberconway, the RHS president, whose rhododendron exhibit was to win a gold medal at the show.

Seven months earlier, in October 1946, Lord Aberconway had startled a gathering of former Chelsea exhibitors saying: "Whatever else we go without, we should not go without a Chelsea Flower Show next year."

That they were being given just seven months' notice was alarming. Ornamental plants were scarce, glass had been blown out of countless greenhouses, transport was expensive and garden staff for the large estates was hard to come by. Could the owners of large estates still afford to place orders for thousands of plants a year at Chelsea? If not, who would step into their shoes? Few realised that hundreds of thousands of suburban gardeners might eventually make equally good customers.

Nevertheless, the show opened on Wednesday, May 21, 1947, with admission prices ranging from 2s 6d (12.5p) to ten shillings (50p). Top of the list of exhibitors was the King, who, with his Windsor gardener G. Simpson, showed schizanthuses. Queues formed an hour before the gates opened each day, and the band of the Grenadier Guards entertained the footsore with a medley of tunes including Tchaikovsky's Valse des Fleurs, Waldteviel's Christmas Roses

and Jessel's Wedding of the Rose.
This was a first Cheisea show for the floral artist and judge Julia Clements, now Lady Seton. "It was such a vast exhibit of colour," she recalls, "and that was wonderful after the drabness of war. I was judging flower arrangements. That year Lord Aberconway introduced some of the things we had seen in the USA, such as flower-arrangement exhibits, illuminated in niches of corrugated paper. But there was really no flair about the show. Nothing was threedimensional. All the exhibits in the big marques were on one level of

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George VI ("a rhododendron man"), Queen Elizabeth and the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret view Chelsea's ornamental rock garden in 1947

tabling because the RHS hadn't yet realised the value of presentation." This was the first of 32 Chelseas for

Sid Cox, then a 34-year-old nursery hand and plantsman for Hillier & Sons of Winchester, Hampshire, which was exhibiting an informal garden. "We had a nursery at Chandler's Ford where we could grow rhododendrons, and we used to dig up big plants to put on show. We would force them on if they were a bit behind, and if they were too far forward, we would hire cold storage in Kent. We needed nine lorries to take our exhibits to Chelsea."

What did he think of the other exhibits? "I preferred the Exbury displays, because they were from this end of the country," he says. In 1947, the gardens of Major Edward de Rothschild at Exbury, near Southampton, won a certificate signifying a first class award for its Rhododendron 'Lady Chamberlain' var 'Golden Queen' and a silver-gilt medal for a collection of azaless.

ord Aberconway did better, winning his gold medal for a group of 40 hybrid rhodo-dendrons, raised by him and his gardener F.C. Puddle at his gardens at Bodnant in North Wales. His entries included the vivid crimson 'Laura Aberconway', the deep rose-coloured 'Radiance' and the pale pink 'Adio' ('Adonis' x 'Loderi'), which was showing for the first time.

Sutton & Son's vegetable pyramids drew every eye, and The Gardener's Chronicle was spellbound by the enormous spikes of delphinums shown by Messrs Blackmore and

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Langdon: "Some flowers measured 1947 GARDENING NOTES over three inches across and the When Sir Henry and Lady Hoare spikes were exceptionally well died on the same day, March 25, shaped," said the journal. Water-1947, the National Trust inherited perry Horticultural School im-

pressed with its strawberries and so

their garden at Stouthead,

open daily (01747 84(152).

Wiltshire, with its house and

woodland. The landscaped garden,

out by Henry Hoare in 1741-80, is

The Ministry of Agriculture and

Fisheries urged gardeners to be on the lookout for the Colorado beetle,

a yellowish pest with black vertical

stripes and a deadly menace to the

detailing his plans for, and progress

on, the Lime Walk at Sissinghurst

Harold Nicolson started his

notebooks, My Life's Work,

with lake and Classical temples, laid

did Slaymaker & Co, with its Slayaphis Nicotine Spray and Fumigant. Slayslug, Slayweed, Slayworm and other insecticides and fungicides. The show went from success to success after 1947, as did the RHS

careers of the Aberconways. Following his father. Charles McLaren, the present Lord Aberconway, 84, was president from 1961 to 1984 before becoming president emeritus. He is also the third member of his family to receive the RHS's Victoria Medal of

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#### **GARDEN** ANSWERS

Stephen Anderton replies to readers' queries in 1947

What is the name of the newly discovered fossil" tree which I understand was found in China? -- F. Lowry, Edinburgh.

A it is not every day an entirely new genus of tree is found and brought into cultivation, but it has happened this year. A rare deciduous conifer was found in a village in central China in 1941, having previously been known only from fossil remains. Further trees were found in 1944, and seed was sent to the Arnold Arboretum in America. Seedlings should be available for distribution to other gardens and arboreta in 1948. The proposed name is Metasequoia glyptostroboides. It will be interesting to see how it grows in European gar-dens. Certainly it ought to be hardy, and it will add to the number of deciduous, autumn-colouring conifers we can grow. These include larch (yellow), swamp cypress (coppery) and gink-

Can you suggest an evergreen shrub to plant by our back gate. I would like something with perfumed flowers. — D.V. Lynn, Knightsbridge.

Why not try the new Viburnum x burk-woodii. It is virtually ever-Why not try the new

green and grows to about 8ft. The clusters of flowers open pinkish, then change to white. They open in April-May, but a lew may come earlier if the weather is kind. It is available from the breeders, Messrs Burk-wood and Skipwith of Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, whose advertisements you will see in most gardening magazines. This viburnum has a Korean mother, the old favourite, fragrant, deciduous Viburnum carlesii. Its father was the evergreen Viburnum

I find the yellow-ber-ried guelder rose looks pale and bleached in full sun. Can you suggest a strong growing clone for sun? — R.S.V. Pea. Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

utile from China.

A I suggest you plant a Viburnum opulus 'Notcutt's Variety'. It is a strong grower to about 12ft high, with large, red berries and good autumn colour. Notcutts nurseries is this year celebrating 100 years of business. It is worth moving your yellow-berried plant into the shade, as guelder rose will stand any amount of rough treatment. But if it is really too big to move, then peg down a low branch into the soil to root itself; they will take very



Viburnum burkwoodii flowers in April

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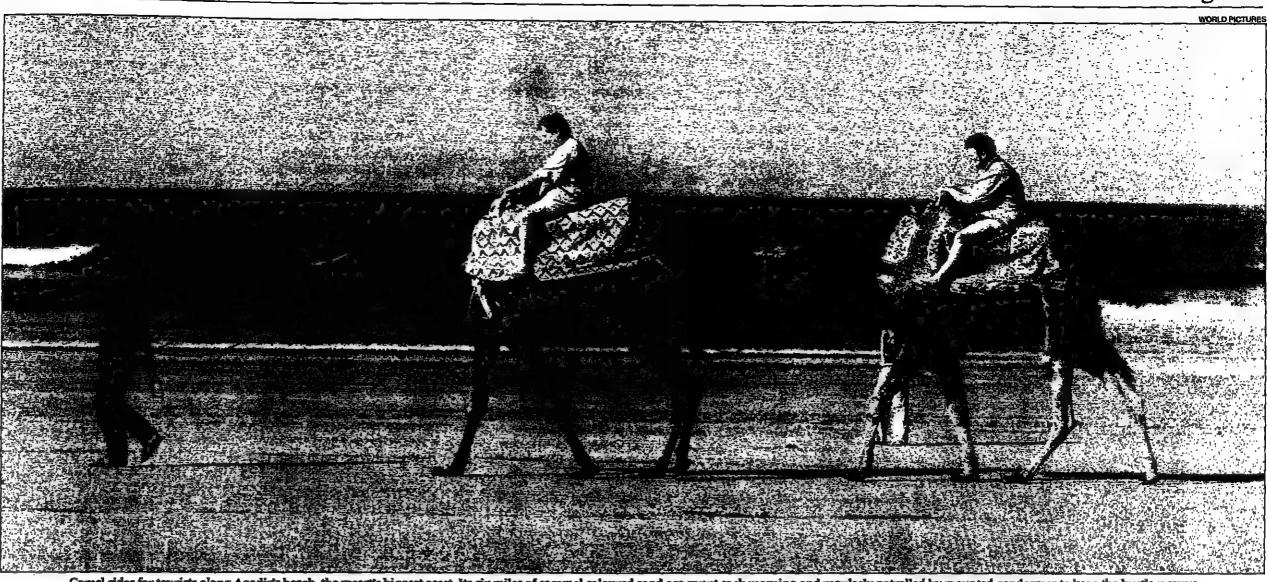
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Morocco: In the first of our series on winter sun destinations, Melissa de Villiers visits the resort of Agadir



Camel rides for tourists along Agadir's beach, the resort's biggest asset. Its six miles of caramel-coloured sand are swept each morning and regularly patrolled by mounted gendarmes to keep the hustlers away

#### y the third day I was starting to feel rest-Just deserts all round less. The sun blazed



There was no shortage of sun

(winter temperatures average about 75F), but so far this

spruce, orderly resort had not

reverberated with the frantic

concentration of colores.

sounds and smells - the life -

that had bowled me over on

previous visits to Marrakesh

its fortunes had long since

residents homeless.

"I feel very sorry for people who say they have been to

and Fes.

it was before."

The souk in Agadir: an earthquake in 1960 destroyed the town

Melissa de Villiers (ravelled with Panorama Holidays (01273 206531), which

day trips to Taroudanni at £14 per person. City tours of Agadir and Marrabash are also avallable.

SHOPPING: Souvenir shops in the zone touristique are air-conditioned and advertise fixed prices. Free mint tea is offered in the larger establishments, suc as Uniprix (good for leather bags), on Avenue Hassan II in the centre of town. The Centre de l'Artisanat, immediately west of the centre on Rue 29 Fevrier, has carpets, jewellery, inhaid wooden boxes and ceramics on sale at fixed prices direct from the craftsmen's workshops. If you wish to haggle, there is a souk in the industrial quarter but it is no match for those in Marrakesh or Fes in phere and the range of crafts.

■ BEACH KNOW-HOW: The northern end of the beach tends to be less crowded.

Cales rent our sunless and unitrellafrom about 12 a day. Cafe-Bar Oasis, near the Tafoukt Complex, is particular friendly and organised. Camel rides cost about £3 for 45 minutes. There is a strong undertow and children should not swim thless carefully supervised.

M GOLF: the Club Les Dunes has 27 holes; the Royal Golf Club has 36. Green

■ WHEN TO VISIT: winters (November to March) are sunny and temperate, with temperatures at about 22C. The high season in Agadir runs from late June to

WHAT TO TAKE: sun hat daypack. should cover their shoulders and wear skirts or aborts that are at least kneelength -- the more you cover, the less you

■ READING: Morocco: the Rough Guide (Rough Guides, £9.99) is the pick of the guidebooks. Agadir is not well-represented in fiction or scholarly studies. Hideous Kinky, by Esther Freud, (Penguin, £5.99) is a fictional account of hippy travels through Morocco, seen through the eyes of a five-year-old. The Spider's House, by Paul Bowles (Abacus, 15.99) is a splendid political novel set in Fes during the last stages of French

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Yet, for all Agadir's anxiety

to be seen as an international

resort, this product of the 1960s is more of a maiden aunt

than a swinging flower child. The nightlife centres on the

Boulevard du 20 Août, a broad

thoroughfare peppered with

bars and restaurants display-

ing pizza and pasta menus in

German, French and English.

The atmosphere is animated

but the boulevard is almost

cafés - like air leaking from a stabbed Lilo -- was hardly threatening, but not conducive to enjoying the sunset. awoke to find a tall

attention even inside the zone touristique, as I discovered on

a late-afternoon stroll down

the promenade. The furtive chorus of hissing from the men seated at the beachfront

three-masted fishing boat gracing the wide sweep of the bay. The bougainvillea glowed against my balcony wall in the early sun - then a blast of Muzak drifted up from the pool. It was time to move on. Agadir is a convenient gateway to Morocco's impossibly romantic south, with its an-

cient trans-Saharan caravan routes, nomads and crumbling French Foreign Legion forts. I visited the little walled town of Taroudannt, a bumpy two-hour drive through orange groves and argans grey, crunipled trees, some of which were weighed down by goats nibbling meditatively at their fruit,

Here, against a backdrop of the High Atlas mountains. figures cloaked in sky-blue iellabas flitted noiselessly alongside monumental pink mud battlements. The cool smell of mint flavoured the dark alleys of the souks, where a muezzín began his midday call from an invisible mosque. This blend of history and romance was what I had come to Morocco for.

Smaller details impressed me, too. Taroudannt's tiny souk turned out to be a better bet for souvenirs than Agadir's large, soulless one.

Back in the hotel lobby, I noticed a message for homeward-bound guests: "Please do not carry your swords through Customs - place them in your suitcase instead." That's Agadir all over. I thought, there's a Moroccan heart in there somewhere, but tucked safely away where it's difficult to see.

Morocco when they have only The disaster occurred four been to Agadir," said Hassan, years after independence, so Agadir's recreation as a showthe hotel barman, when I confessed my treacherous piece modern resort - a symbol of the new, forwardthoughts over a poolside beer. thinking Morocco - became a But you see, for Moroccans, matter of national pride. The Agadir is a real success story. it grew from such a terrible taxi driver who took me up to accident, and now the town is the remains of the old kasbah, so much more important than on a hill above the port, was far more concerned to point Hassan had a point. Estabout the sweep of the new town lished by the Portuguese in below than to dwell on the ruins of Agadir's past beneath 1505, Agadir grew into a our feet. For him, the kasbah's reasonably prosperous commercial centre, exporting sug-ar cane to Europe. Although by the middle of this century crumbling arched gateway, with its inscription recording that The Netherlands began

declined. Agadir remained a that — history.

Anne Denning, from Maidenhead in Berkshire, on holilinle port full of character until February 2, 1960, when day alone ("I needed a break"), an earthquake razed it, killing 15,000 people and leaving most of the remaining 20,000 was a fan. "Agadir may not be all that different from our way of life, but I enjoy the odd

trading here in 1746, was just

touches such as the camel rides on the beach. There's none of the resentment you find back home about being part of the service industry here — I've been looked after really well. I'll definitely be coming back."

The resort is attractive, with green swaths of park and garden cutting through a whitewashed zone touristique, crammed with low-rise hotels and self-catering apartments. The busy harbour - Agadir is Morocco's largest exporter of sardines — is backed by a teerning square, where stalls serve the freshly grilled catch of the day.

Shops in the town centre cluster round wide, jacarandalined boulevards utterly unlike the labyrinthine medinas of older Moroccan cities. And, of course, there is Agadir's chief

asset: six miles of caramelcoloured beach, swept each morning and regularly patrolled by mounted gendarmes to keep the hustlers away.

gadir has novelty value if you are coming from anywhere Leise in Morocco. There is a welcome lack of the hassle you find in Marrakesh or Tangier; especially the youths who attach themselves to you as you leave your hotel. hoping to sell handicrafts or offering guide services at "special prices".

"We came here to have a lazy time, so we're not really interested in exploring," said Harry, a fellow holidaymaker who I met queueing for the breakfast buffet. "We did an excursion to Marrakesh the other day - a long day-trip in a mini-hus - and that was quite enough. It feels much safer here. The big beachfront hotels

offer pretty much everything that is needed to unwind, from tennis courts set in landscaped gardens to watersports and the obligatory giant pool. Room-service menus offer chips and burgers; restaurants have "continental" set meals rather than Moroccan staples such as tagine or b'stilla (pigeon pie).

Happy hours keep the drinks bills down, while organised entertainment. hotel discos and folklore evenings - where local dancers and musicians perform - are laid on, too. Anyone hoping for exotic intrigue redolent of Casablanca and the Arabian Nights may be disappointed by the rather jolly, team-spiritrequired tone of these evenings, where guests are egged on to perform impromptu belly dances or sing snatches of popular tunes into the bandleader's roving micro-

phone. But most people seem

to enjoy themselves hugely. Being British, I discovered, carries a certain novelty value. More than 70 per cent of the half-million holidaymakers who come here each year are German, followed by smaller numbers of Belgians, Scandinavians and, in summer, wellheeled Moroccans. I lost count of the conversations I had with hotel staff and taxi drivers, which began with a brisk "Guten Morgen", followed by a delighted "Ah, English" and an animated discussion of the

various conspiracy theories

surrounding the death of "Princess Dee".

deserted after midnight. An honourable exception is the Jour et Nuit. a 24-hour establishment that lurks in the shadow of a huge rubber tree. Here I met Danny and his surfing mates from Truro in Cornwall. The waves out of town are great," I learnt, "but

we're not doing any pulling." Club 18-30 territory this is not. Single women can expect a certain amount of unwelcome



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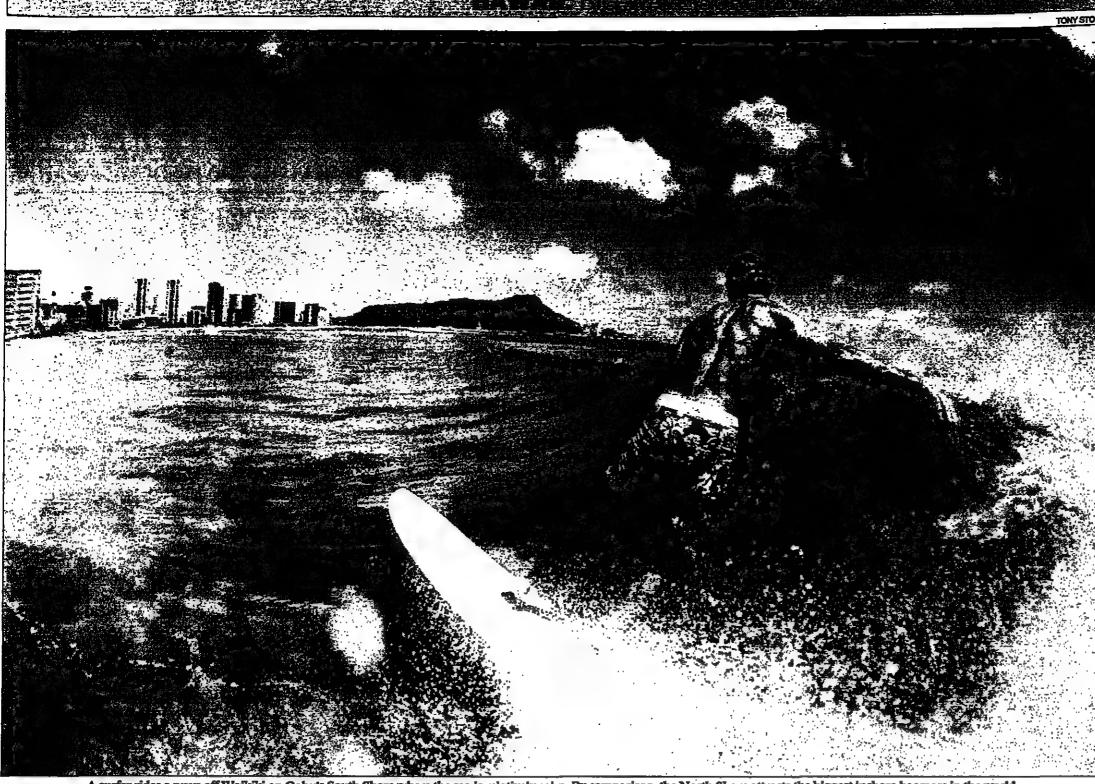
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A surfer rides a wave off Waikiki on Oahu's South Shore where the sea is relatively caim. By comparison, the North Shore attracts the biggest inshore boomers in the world

#### in't no big thing, broi" said the guy at the lost-luggage office when I complained that our bags had gone missing. "You won't be needing no clothes in Hawaii." wipe-out. And just last month, Ted Deerhurst, the viscount

He had a point: even in winter, shorts and T-shirt are still standard. But with a wife and two boys in tow that's still a lot of shorts and T-shirts. It was my tenth time in Hawaii, but the first with my family. I kept telling them that it was strictly business, but they susfun whenever I went to do some more "research" (mainly on surfing) and so they dec-

ided to tag along.
An old friend loaned us his house on the North Shore of Oahu, the main island. "House" is a slight exaggeration: "shack" might be more accurate, or "hut". But it has the perfect location, looking out over the huge and volup-tuous rollers of Sunset Beach. The view from the crow's nest consisted of spindly palm trees swaying in the breeze and the immense Pacific beyond. A functioning roof and a few windows would have been nice, too. When the rain came down and the wind blew during the night, the elements hit you head-on. I was used to roughing it on the North Shore, but the lack of a decent bed was a shock to my wife.

On the North Shore there are worse things than discontfort: death, for example. Only the week before, one of the operator Todd Chesser, had paddled out at Alligators, south of Waimea Bay, lusting after some buxom waves and ran smack into the aquatic equivalent of Arnold Schwarzenegger. A two-wave holddown turned out to be his final

## Niagara with propellers on

Only the best surfers are drawn to Hawaii. Andy Martin hears tales of extreme bravery on some of the world's most dangerous waves

plant squid from Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea. He was dragged underwater for a full minute.

running out of breath?" I gasped. "Nah," he said, "I was worrying too much about my leg." He told us of a friend who went out in big surf and all they ever found was his wetsuit: he'd been squeezed

or power surfing — classical surfing with a Yamaha waverunner, which tows you out of it like a banana. into the path of monsters that would otherwise be impregna-The Hawaiian approach to big-wave surfing includes a definite streak of death wish ble. When his waverunner's engine stalled right in the maw of one salivating beast, and my wife, Heather, wor-Michael and his partner ried about the survival prosbailed out, but the tow-rope coiled around his leg like the pects of our sons, Spencer and Jack, on the North Shore.

and veteran surf-pro who had

lived on the North Shore for

several years, was killed in a

half of the legendary Willis

Bros, surfers extraordinaires

crutches. "Dog bit me," he said. It was a 25-foot rottweiler

at Outside Backyard. The

Willis Bros specialise in tow-in

When Michael Willis - one

surfing accident.

Although, at six and four three-storey house, which then respectively, they were keen to begin the long apprenticeship in the art of surfing, even they lose a dinosaur in Uurassic Park, incidentally, was filmed on the next island, Kauai). Fortunately, we found some quiet lagoons for them.

The North Shore in winter is Niagara with propellers on. This is the heaviest impact zone in the world. The Hawaiian islands are essentially a bunch of volcances poking out of an ocean trench and every passing swell trips over them. Surfing the resulting killer

chases you down the street. The consolation is that at least you drown warm.

watch the surfers duel with one of the most powerful forces in nature. Big-wave riding is probably the most breathtaking speciator sport on earth and Waimea Bay is its Colosseum, the holiest of holies. It attracts the biggest inshore boomers in the world. When these 30ft high babies go off it's like a small earth-

quake. This is where Patrick

real thing is even better than Hollywood and pulls in massive crowds. On a big day in island flock to the bay to watch all that power unloading. Like front-row Romans falling prey to particularly ferocious lions, unwary Waimes wave-watchers who get too close are liable

neel of Point Break. But the

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to be scooped up and exten for lunch. It's all good business for the lifeguards. On the subject of being eaten, I think it was only after we saw the photograph on the

front of the North Shore News captioned "Swimmer Bitten by

party was later identified as a barracuda), that we fied south, driving through the pineapple plantations, past fields of cofice bushes and sugar cane, towards "Babylon".

Oahu divides neatly into town and country. Country is the North Shore - pagan, Dionysian, epic, slightly unhinged. Town is the more materialist, less mythic Honolulu, nearly an hour's drive couple of days if you hike across the jungly interior). The paim trees are the same but the sea is more civilised on the South Side and the waves are more child-friendly (the opening sequence of Hawaii Five-O was shot on the North Shore). "It's a tourist trap!" I grombled. "Maybe it is," my wife

man-eating waves and barracuda at bay. The only sharks are rather tame fellows who inhabit the hotel fishpond. The hotel not only has a roof (and a spa and a golf course), but it is secluded enough to exclude the madding crowds of Honolulu.

We were supposed to be there only for one night. But when it was time to catch the plane home, my wife had other ideas. "I'm not leaving!" she declared. "I deserve this after a week in that shack!" We flew out standby three days

## Go and surf the Eddie - if you dare



Wave power: all you need in Hawaii is a surfboard

THE Eddie is epic, monumental, the ultimate. The Eddie is less a sports event than the manifestation of a superhuman force. The "Quiksilver in Memory of Eddie Aikau" is a surfing contest sine qua non. While pro contests around the world can be played out on waves 2ft high, the Eddie can take place only in consistent 20ft-plus conditions.

Most big sports contests take place at a particular hour on a particular day. The Eddie takes place between November and February — maybe. When it does happen it is only at Waimea Bay, on the North Shore of the main Hawaiian island of Oahu, the third largest of the Hawaiian islands and the most sacred site of surfing, where the biggest waves in

the world come to die every winter, and where Eddie Aikau, the legendary big-wave supremo, once manned the life-On March 16, 1978, a Hawaiian-style,

double-hull canoe, the Hokule'a, set out from Honolulu to retrace the itinerary that brought the first Hawaiians from Tahiti a millennium and a half ago. Among the 16-man crew was Eddie Aikau. When the boat capsized in a storm. Eddie set off on his 12ft rescue board for help. The rest of the crew was rescued, but Eddie vanished and his body was never found.

Now, every winter, a couple of dozen of the best surfers in the world reunite to pay homage to Eddie by surfing his kind

of waves — and competing for a \$60,000 cheque. As in ancient times in Hawaii, biggest waves with the greatest style. The event takes only a few hours. But when it is not happening, nearly everyone on the North Shore is thinking, talking and dreaming about it. People tap you on the shoulder and say, "Psst ... the Eddie's

on tomorrow, it's definite."
Old hands learn to take these predictions, usually born of wishful thinking and astrological consultations, with a pinch of sait. My experience is that the Eddie generally does not happen until the day after I fly out.

ANDY MARTIN



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#### FACT FILE

Getting there: Andy Martin flew with Air New Zealand (0171-839 1604). which flies from Lond Heathrow to Honolulu via Los Angeles without an overnight stop. Fares start at £400 return in November, Hawaii may also be included as one of many South Pacific stopovers on an Australia or New Zealand flight.

■ Where to stay: The only hotel on the North Shore of Oahu is the 1,000-acre Turtle Bay Hilton (57-079) Kamehameta Highway, PO Box 187, Kabuku Hi 16731; tel 001-808 293 8811. fax 293 9147). Serious arriers will probably opt fo the much cheaper Backpackers Vacation Inn, founded by Mark Foo, the Zen master of big-wave surfing who died in a Californian wipeout (59-788 Kamehameha Highway, Haleiwa HI 96712; tel 00! 808 638 7833: Sax 638 7515) Ihilani Resort & Spa (92-00) Olani Street, Kapolei HI 96707-2202: vel 001 908 679 0079, fax 679 0080), on the southwest corner of the island, has everything but

Where to go: The annithesis to Honolulu Haleiwa on the North Shore, a whimpical small town that Steven Spielberg might have invented, with

have roofs and windows." Babylon was the name Milton Willis, the other half of the

Bros, gave Honolulu. "This is

a place of sin, no mistake," he

observed as he dropped us off,

"and as places of sin go, it's

one of the best." This time

around I would have to skip

the "exotic dancing" at the Rock-Za Club. But my wife still had the opportunity to

observe sin at close quarters

when a beach photographer

persuaded her to part with \$20

for a few pictures of the boys with a parrot on their shoul-ders, which he promised he would deliver personally. She might as well have set fire to that twenty. Sometimes it's saler in the pounding surf than on the beach at Waikiki. own on the southwestern corner of the island, 20 minutes from the air-port, the Ihilani (which means something like "beavenly splendour") is a small artificial paradise, carved out of lava rock and marble. Children can disport themselves in a tranquil blue lagoon that keeps

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## The islands that taste forgot

Hawaii may be naff but that's

> part of its charm, says

Susannah Jowitt

am in a war zone. On either side of the path. pitched battles are being fought between the few remaining Hawaiian natives cious invaders. Red corpses lie crushed underfoot. Twisted lumps of lava are scattered all around. Above me, a large indigenous character is shrugging off the stranglehold of a punier attacker.

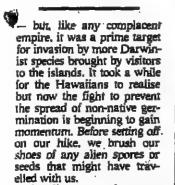
This is no new conflict, but a war that has been going on since at least the 1920s, when Oahu was reforested. For I am on a hike - from the Manoa Cliffs to the Pauca Flats - into the hills of this Hawaiian island, and the foot soldiers here are the lush plants.

Non-native guava bushes have shaged it out with gentler fruit producers by preventing their germination and now dominate. A ginger plant has stamped on its neighbours by sending out choking underground runner roots in every direction. Leaf skeletons flutter inexorably towards a crumbly grave.

Fibrous roots lie in wait to trip up the careless and alien banyan trees all around strangle their weaker neighbours. There is even a tragic story of star-crossed botanical lovers' separation: the native naupaka bush that grows up here in the highlands grows only haif a blossom of each flower, while those on the coast grow the other half.

One hundred years ago, nearly 95 per cent of Hawaii's flora was unique — with few trees and a host of lush plants

> We brush our shoes of any alien seeds that might have travelled with us

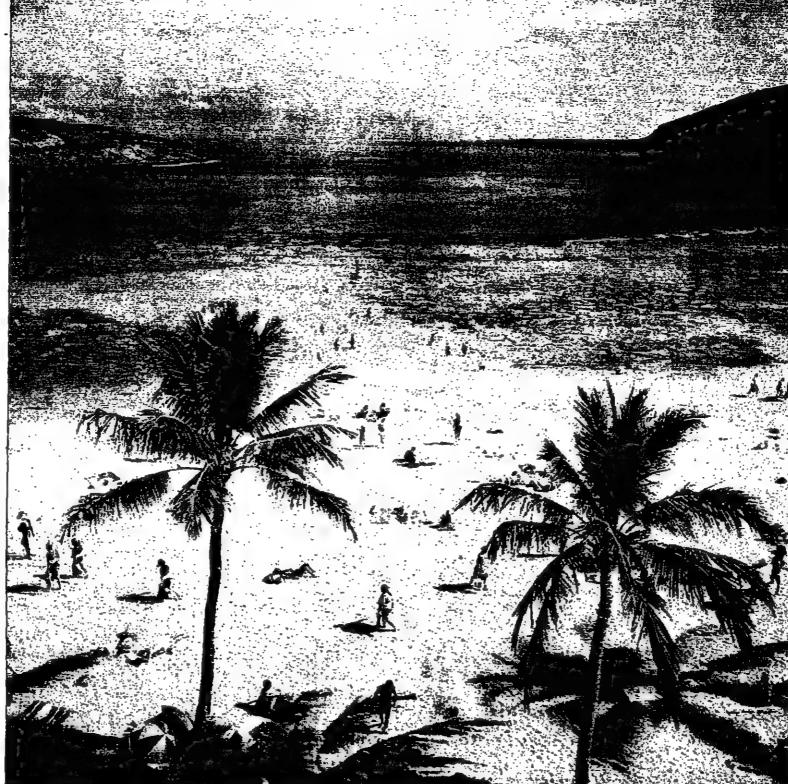


The effort comes almost too late. In the fertile verdancy of this tropical island, the speed of the subjugation was dizzying, and native plants are now at I per cent. The vertiginous volcanic slopes are thickly carpeted with trees and bushes, the hike trails are tangled with a botanical tanestry of many colours, scents and species, and the undeniable beauty of Oahu is like the orchids that fill every hotel lobby: hybrid: not entirely natural but still seductive.

And this is the charm of Hawaii. We know it's naff, we can smile behind our hands at the hula dancing, we can roll our eyes at the outrageously patterned skirts but we cannot help but be seduced.

It's like going to that other great icon of Americana: Disneyland. There, you put aside grown-up thoughts and romp forward into a kaleidoscope of childish pleasures. In Hawail, you similarly put aside British ideas of restraint and dive into the crashing waves of Hawaiian kitsch. After all, the locals wear as many Hawaiian shirts as the tourists; everyone but everyone says "Aloha" like a verbal reflex and Hawaiian culture is on display wherever you go.

They even have a royal family - one for each island. It may not be the real thing they died out at the beginning of this century - but, in their



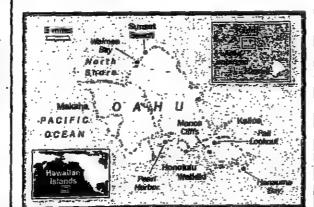
To avoid the crowds on Waikiki Beach, try the excellent snorkelling at Hanauma Bay, above, or go hiking in Hawaii's lush interior

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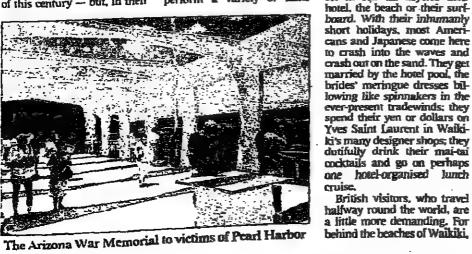
■ Guidebook choice: Hawaii (Lonely Planet, £12.99); Hawaii (Rough Guides, £10.99).



flame-coloured, crushed-velvet court regalia and splendid headdresses, they put on a

pretty good show. When I talk to the "king" and "queen" of Oahu, moreover, it becomes clear that they aren't just a tourist attraction. Purebred Hawaiian natives are almost as rare as the indigenous plants - only about 6 per cent of the population - but the king and queen must have at least 25 per cent pure Hawaiian blood.

Elected each year on the basis of their lineage, they perform a variety of tasks



halfway round the world, are a little more demanding. For behind the beaches of Waikiki.

beyond showing off their gladrags to sunbathers lolling

on hotel loungers. "We visit

schools to teach them about

our culture and visit old

people's homes," says King

Jonathan, a former policeman,

when I seek a royal audience.

Until ien years ago, Hawai-

ian culture and language had

nearly died out, so we are here

as much to educate our own

people as we are to entertain

main tourist area of Walkiki

Beach, however, have no inter-

est in Hawaii beyond their

Most sunbathers in the

the tourists."

worshippers and a giddy range of Asiatic faces and bodies, the spangly ukulele music in every bar and the surfer dudes, there is a Hawaii that few bother to discover. "Waikiki is a toilet," says

one Englishman succinctly. The sand may be white, the sea may be blue but it's just a tropical Costa del Sol that takes 15 hours to fly to. Yet only a few miles away, the hiking is staggeringly beautiful, the snorkelling — if you get to Hanauma Bay early — is fantastic and the North Shore is a paradise. Go up to the Pali Lookout, visit the Arizona War Memorial, admire the surfers at Waimea Bay — and just use Waikiki Beach as a good value, comfortable, soulless place to stay."

niike the hiking paths, the war memorial, the testaof Pearl Harbor in 1941, is one war zone that Waikiki-goers might make time for, if the queues are anything to go by. it's free and is a stunning demonstration of sensitive commemoration to the 2,400 American sailors killed here by the Japanese in that one

raid. It is also very spooky. Shifting waves over the sunken, but clearly visible Arizona battleship and the bubbles of oil still escaping after 46 years, make it look alive. Todd the Ranger insisted on silence before we watched the poignant blackand white film and it lasted for our view of the memorial itself. All we heard were the haunting strains of the carillon playing For Those in Peril on the Sea. The contrast between the shricking lobster tans and pineapple shirts of the tourists and the cerie silence as they filed through was extraordinary.

And that is Hawaii all over: a contrast between the balmy breezes and lapping waves at one end of the island and the raging surf at the other: between the brochure-friendly scenery of the coastline and the rapaciousness of nature in the highlands; between the bulky boisterousness of Amer-ican holidaymakers and the sometime sombre-seeming unobtrusiveness of their Japaquiet restraint of Pearl Harbor and the brazen hoopla of the hula evenings. In a two or three-week holiday. British visitors can wander about the battlefield at will and sample

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■ Perfect timing: Martini-style sunbathing any time, any place, anywhere — but surf is seasonal: North Shore in winter. South Shore in summer. Very occasional hurricanes September to January. Warm tradewinds make it breezy — so no mosquitoes on the coast. Suitcase strategy: Take: basic toiletries — Waikiki shops

are too busy selling Versace and Chanel (more sold here

than in Paris) to care about toothpaste and cleanser. Bring back: love handles (the buffet breakfasts are fatal), and naff presents. Kona coffee and, go on, an old-style Hawaiian shirt. Melatonin pills for avoiding jetlag on the flight back. ■ The pound in your pocket: The pound is still strong against the dollar — currently at \$1.6915. Tip at 15 per cent. ■ Turn of phrase: Say "Book 'em Danno!" a few times just to get in the mood. Hawaiian is spelt phonetically; saying Wai-ki-keee not Wai-keeeky shows you're paying attention. "Aloha!" means, variously, hello, goodbye, love and just about anything else. Flower worn behind right ear means

you're taken; behind the left and you're available. ■ Big no-nos: Don't sunbathe topless — it's illegal on American public beaches. Don't be homophobic: same-sex marriage is about to be made legal. Don't flinch when garlanded with the inevitable lei, when pulled up to dance the hula, or when that piña colada arrives with no less than four cocktail umbrellas. Hawaii is naff. Get used to it.

■ Nasty surprises: Locals drool for Shave Ice — think Slush Puppy with extra E-numbers. Poi, another Hawaiian delicacy, is like mauve, tasteless semolina. Avoid both like the plague. Choose carefully where to surf - big waves can break in only 5ft of water.

Not to be missed: The Arizona War Memorial: sunken warship and watery grave to 1,100 men in Pearl Harbor. Sunset. Descried beaches on the North Shore. Dolphins at the Kahala Mandarin Oriental hotel. Breakfast.

■ Way to go: Fly to Hawaii via Los Angeles or San Francisco. No need to change planes with United or Air New Zealand: BA, Virgin, American and Continental send passengers on from the mainland with Hawaiian Airlines. Cheapest London-Honolulu return is with Air New Zealand (0181-741 2299) from £490 (price rises to £666 on Dec I) but shop around for transatlantic fares. Flight time: about 12 hours to West Coast; three hours on to Honolulu, 🖪 Any good packages? Hawaiian Travel Centre (0171-706) 4142) charges about £1,000 for two-week packages, but for a longer stay, Page & Moy (0116 250 7575) offers £899 for three weeks in Walkiki with the choice of spending two nights at beginning or end in Los Angeles. San Francisco or Las Vegas. Bigger operators offer add-ons, such as Kuoni's (01306 742888) "Wonders of the West" 14-night fly-drive around California, followed by seven nights in Hawaii from £1,299pp plus £260 for the car in California.

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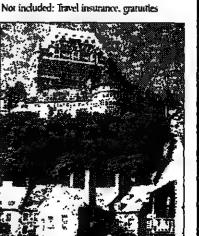
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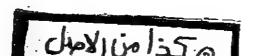
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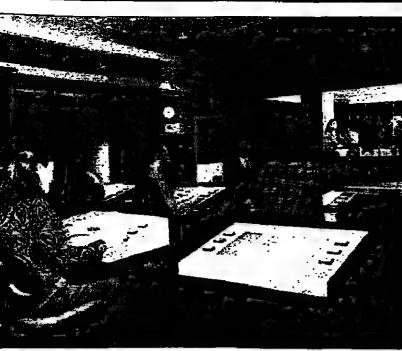
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you could take one luxury item to your desert island, what would it be?" asks Sue Lawley. There's a pause while Meredith, a sevenyear-old from Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ponders his answer. "A football," he replies purposefully. The video-recorded Lawley arches an evebrow and smiles. "An excellent choice." she says before asking him what he would take to read ("some Dandy comics") and what music he would bring ("er. . . I don't know").

wonderful," Lawley replies, beaming away on the huge

An interactive *Desert Island* Discs display is just one of the attractions at the BBC Experience, a new visitor centre highlighting the history of BBC television and radio at Broadcasting House. It was opened at the end of October by the Queen — who enjoyed the section on The Archers and met the actress Barbara Windsor ("Mrs Windsor meets Babs Windsor" the headlines said) - as part of the BBC's 75th anniversary celebrations.

So far, the BBC Experience has been a knockout success and has sold out every day. More than 20,000 tickets have been booked and about 200,000 visitors are expected in the first year. I joined a tour on the first weekend to find out what all the fuss is about

Despite all the hype, the queue was short tours run every 15 minutes and you can book tickets by phone for a specific time, so Madame Tussauds-style waits are unlikely. The displays are kept in a labyrinth of dark rooms and passages in the basement of Broadcasting House - you descend several stairways. nassing a model of a hideous Red Dwarf alien as well as glossy pictures of BBC stars. such as Terry Wogan, the Today programme's John Humphrys and Grandstand's Sue Barker.

The first part of the 90minute guided tour concentrates on BBC radio. It starts



with several exhibits covering the work of Guglielmo Marone of the principal founders of the British Broadcasting Company in 1922 and recognised as the pioneer o the wireless. There are all sorts of technical bits and pieces: transmitters, valves, receivers and several microphones - one of which was used by King George V to broadcast to the Empire on Christmas Day in 1932.

ow do radio waves work?" a grandchild asks grandparent, who is caught off-guard and ums and ahs before pointing at an explanatory display with relief and saying: "Just like that dear."

A friendly guide in a red jumper leads us to a minicinema, where we are shown a (slightly self-congratulatory) video of a day in the life of Broadcasting House. There are behind-the-scenes shots of Radio 5 morning traffic bulletins, Jonathan Dimbleby's Any Answers? and Steve Wright's Radio 2 show. The five-minute film ends with an evening performance by the BBC Symphony Orchestra at the Albert Hail.

Things liven up in the next section, where the 30 tour members are invited to take part in producing a radio play called The Dinner Party. We are divided into groups of actors, sound-effects specialists and technicians - everyone is given a script with clearly marked cues. There is a brief rehearsal while we read

Elizabeth Webster has a go at being a weather presenter, while listening to recorded instructions from Bill Giles through lines, press buttons to make bell sounds and get the knack of popping the cork on a fake champagne bottle. A red

light turns on and the guide calls "Action!". Everything goes surpris-ingly well and we are soon listening to a recording of our smooth three-minute produc-tion. The plot was about a group of friends who break down in a car on a stormy night and seek help at a

dilapidated mansion, where a dinner party is being held. When one of the friends asks what is on the menu, there is a flapping sound (made by an umbrella opening and shutting) and Dracula flies in and cackles: "You!" The kids who volunteered to be the actors - loved it and are clearly proud of their efforts. "Well done everyone," says the guide. "That was much better than usual."

Then we are taken down memory lane with a series of film clips and radio recordings from BBC news reports and entertainment shows. There are original recordings of Neville Chamberlain's announcement of war with Germany in 1939. Winston Churchill's "never in the field of human conflict" speech, Martin Luther King's "I have a dream"

speech, Kate Adie's Tiananmen Square report That was before you were born, darling," a mother in-forms her daughter), clips of Bette Davis and Noel Coward as well as Dylan Thomas reading Under Milk Wood. Some of the elderly mem-

bers of the group are clearly moved. "That was wonderful." says Henry Douglas, from Trim in County Meath. "I hadn't heard Dick Barton, Special Agent for about 40 years. I used to rush home from work on my bicycle to catch the 7pm broadcast - it

always made my day," The highlight of the BBC Experience comes next: the interactive section, which contains a series of displays like the Desert Island Discs one. The children run wild pressing buttons, making recordings and playing with television cameras - everybody's having a great time.

The EastEnders display is particularly popular. You are put in charge of four cameras shooting the same scene from different angles — by cutting between them, you create your own version of the scene. Alex Bygrave, 13, from Norwich, is thrilled. "I've got a bit of a crush on Joe," she says after editing a version in which the camera lingers for long periods on the EastEnders heartthrob. "So it was brilliant to direct his scene - he's my favourite character."

t another display, you can record and play back your own commentary over clips of famous sporting moments. David Johnson, 10, from Islington, North London, chooses Gareth Southgate's penalty miss in the semi-finals of Euro 96. "And here comes Gareth Southgate, he says. He's looking confident, but he must be leeling quite ner-vous. The whistle's gone, he's running up and - Oh my God! - he's missed it." John Motson eat your heart out.

For older visitors, there's an exhibit with a semi-animatronic figure of Tony Hancock based on his 1961 Radio Ham sketch, as well as the chance to use a sound mixer to edit a recording by the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

There are also several computer terminals, at which you can search for Internet sites to look up the latest news reports. "I'm getting quite carried away with it all," says Barbara Howells, from Stevenage, Hertfordshire, after calling up an up-to-the-moment report on the Louise Woodward case on a computer, Mrs Howells is clearly fascinated. "The whole

tour has been wonderful fun,

particularly the radio section. I was brought up on radio and have loved rehearing snippets from events like the

Coronation."

Those behind the BBC Experience say they have tried to strike a balance between exhibits suiting adults and children. "There's something for all ages," a spokeswoman said.
The older generations prefer the radio stuff and the kids like the latest TV exhibits."

The most popular interactive display is a filming booth in which you can be a weather presenter. Louise Saunders, 0, from Lincoln, is listening to recorded instructions from Bill Giles, the weather presenter. There's a countdown and then

off she goes: "We've got rain coming in over here." she says, oblivious to the fact that she's waving her arms in the wrong direction, until she watches the playback in fits of laughter.

Her mother, Kate, summed up the general feeling: "It's good fun, isn't it? The kids have been kept occupied with all the activities. It's definitely been worth the visit."

■ The BBC Experience, Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London WIA IAA (0870 603 0304. local rates) is open seven days a week, 9.30am-5.30pm. It is advisable to book in advance.
Tickets cost E5.75 for adults, £4 for children 5-16 (under-fives free). £4.35 for students and OAPs.



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JUDITH Chalmers has presented travel on television for 25 ears. Few remember her before she had a suntan. But as she prepares for the next series of Wish You Were Here?, armchair travellers are offered shows featuring more celebrities than a Virgin flight to Los Angeles.

With Judith appearing only every second week. Anthea Turner has assumed the travel crown on WYWH?, which begins a new series in January. But in catching the new mood of travel TV, the series will feature the Arsenal toalkeeper David Seaman and the former Page Three girl

Linda Lusardi among guest presenters.

Over on BBCI, Jill Dando continues to front Holiday. which began a new run of 25 shows last month. Guest presenters include Oz Clarke. And in Channel 4's Travelog, starting in January, the actress Heather Mills — who lost part of her leg in a motorbike accident — will visit Croatia.
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#### Malaria: Experts have issued new advice after concern over pills, writes Fred Mawer

## Keep your shirt on to avoid jungle fever

antimalarial drug melloquine will be crucial to many holiday-makers considering a winter-sun break. Melloquine, better known under its brand name Lariam, is now no longer the

first-choice recommended antimalarial for those going for two weeks or less to coastal resorts in Kenya (such as Mombasa, Diani Beach and Malindi) and Tanzania at any time of year, or for those going to The Gambia between January and May, instead, people visiting these areas are being advised to take the main alternative to Lariam, the chloro-

quine/proguantil combination.

The fresh guidelines have been put together after 18 months of deliberation by 44 malaria experts under Professor David Bradley of the

Malaria Reference Laboratory in London. There has been much concern about the side effects of Lariam, which are reported to range from anxiety attacks to convulsions and acute psychosis. The percentage of people who suffer side effects is hotly disputed, but a study by the Medical Advisory Services for Travellers Abroad (Masta) found that one in 140 users had disabling neuropsychiatric side effects.

However, Lariam has not been abandoned. The most dangerous form of malaria, falciparum maiaria, has developed a resistance to chloroquine in parts of South-East Asia and South America and most of sub-Saharan Africa. So in these areas, Lariam is now the most effective antimalarial. For example, while in sub-Saharan Africa Lariam is 90 per cent effective, the most commonly prescribed alternative, the chloroquine/proguanil combination, is only 70 per cent so. And it is falciparum malaris that kills: of the 2,000 British travellers. who contract malaria annually, an average of seven die of this type of malaria.

Given these facts, the group stopped a very

anyone going on safari (even for a single night), and simply wherever it is the most effective animalarial: South-East Asia, South America and sub-Saharan Africa.

The exception is for holidaymakers to some African coastal resorts staying in well-screened accommodation and visiting for a short period. Since their circumstances are recioned to put them at relatively low risk of catching malaria, they are advised to take chloroquine/prognanil for which fewer side effects are reported.

THE guidelines have also changed for Thai-land. Previously, backpackers visiting rural areas were advised to take Lariam. Now no areas were anvised to take Larram. Now his antimalarial is recommended for most of the country, except the melloquine-resistant areas bordering Cambodia and Burma, where the antibiotic doxycycline is suggested.

The guidelines have placed greater emphasis on doxycycline as a useful alternative to

mefloquine or chloroquine/proguanil, as it has been proved effective in parts of Asia. However, since it is not licensed as an antimalarial in the UK, doctors may be unwilling to take prescribe it, there is little data on its effectiveness in Africa. Some doxycycline users experience side effects such as a bad reaction to sun (possibly limiting its value to sunbathers), and it is not suitable for pregnant mothers and children

◆ The guidelines emphasise that it is more important to take an antimalarial regularly rather than agonise over which to take.

 Lariam should not be taken during preg-nancy or by those with a history of psychiatric illness. Those who do take it should start 25 weeks before going abroad to allow full protection to see if any adverse reactions

You must continue an antimalarial course for



Taking antimalarials is a good thing but it is just as important to keep covered up. How Tarzan survived, only Jane knows

#### FERING MOSQUITOES IT FA



edits of vri of instrocent as being bitten. There are a daunting number of repellents and devices such as nets, plugin mosquito killers and coils on the market. For impartial advice, we turned to Professor Chris Curtis, the country's leading authority on protection against mosquitoes at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine's Department of Infectious and Tropical Diseases, and his colleague Nigel Hill. They have carried out numerous studies on how well repellents

and insecticides work. Insect repellents are applied to the skin or clothes to mask human odour, to which mosquitoes are attracted. They stop mosquitoes landing. rather than killing them.

Most repellents contain diethyl toluamide (DEET). Tests show that it is the most effective substance for warding off mosquitoes. However, it can damage plastics; on some people it causes a rash or itching, and for a tiny few it can cause more serious complications. It should not be

sed on young children. DEET levels in products vary from 10 to 100 per cent the latter only to be applied to clothes). The general rule is the higher the concentration, the more effective the formula-

tion. Professor Curtis recommends products with at least 20 per cent DRET, but says increased strength above that. thoroughly you slap the prod-

> WE ASKED him to comment on some repellents available from Boots. He said that, if thoroughly applied, there was probably little to choose beween DERT-based products: Boots Repel Plus lotion and an Autan stick (both 20 per cent DEET), Jungle Formula rollon (35 per cent DEET), and Jungle Formula Extra Strength liquid (50 per cent DEET). However, he was not on the bottle of Mosquito Milk (20 per cent DEET): "Apply two or three stripes over exposed parts of the body. Total coverage is not necessary." "You should apply all over exposed parts," says Pro-

fessor Curtis. Of non-DEET products, Professor Curtis reckons the most effective are those sold under the Mosi-guard Natural label. Developed by Masta, they are based on a substance taken from the leaves of the lemon eucalyptus tree. He says tests have shown them to be almost as effective and long-lasting as DEET. However, they are kinder to

Some other products con-

effectiveness varies little with "What is more important," he says, "is how much and how

preference.

the skin, do not affect fabrics and surfaces, and are safe for

Boots Repel Plus for Children lotion. But it has been clearly effective than DEET or Mosi children. "No one should take a citronella-based product to the tropics," says Mr Hill.

Whatever product you buy, test it on a small area of skin to make sure you do not have an adverse reaction. The application you choose - aerosol, gel or roll-on - is a question of

Ankle and wrist bands impregnated with DEET, such as those sold by Masta, are effective for up to 120 hours. Professor Curtis regards these as less effective than products applied directly to the skin. but acknowledges they focus on the body's most vulnerable parts, particularly the ankles. Tests carried out by nearnaked researchers have proved that deadly falciparum-carrying mozzies are attracted to the feet because of their odour, while other types of mosquito go for the head, hared by the carbon dioxide we

We should not believe claims for the long-lasting effects of repellents (up to ten hours for those we looked at). according to a recent London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Study for a Dutch consumer group. Pro-fessor Curtis says: "Claims of repellents working for more than four hours should be taken with a pinch of salt."

AS WELL as a repellent, PROTECTION you should also protect yourself with insecticides.

AFTER almost a year spent

crossing Africa in a Toyota Land-Cruiser, I was really

looking forward to home

comforts. No more sleeping

outside besieged by mosqui-

toes, or wakened by curious

Tuaregs. It was also the end

of doctoring ourselves as we had travelled through the

remotest parts of the conti-

nent often not seeing anyone for days. My boyfriend and

I were sad, but pleased, to

roll off the ferry at Dover

one foggy December morn-

ing. putting our 20,000-mile journey behind us.

Three weeks later I was

lying racked with fever in

impregnated with permethrin. Many nets are sold ready-treated; othcrwise buy a bottle of the chemical to coat the net. If you accidentally touch the net, the permethrin should kill them before they bite. Professor Curtis recommends a box-shaped net, since you are least likely to touch its sides; its drawback is that it is the most difficult to erect. Masta sells wide-mesh nets, which offer better ventilation than traditional, tightly meshed versions. It claims that these nets are as effective as the old-style ones. "Almost but

Sleep under a mosquito

#### CASE HISTORY

South London. I thought I had flu, after all it was the first European winter I had experienced. But as the chills and vomiting grew worse, my GP confirmed the

worst - malaria. Neither of us could believe it. I had started taking antimalarial pills before leaving my home town of Durban in South Africa, and my boyfriend's father, a GP, had given us a medicine pack of what he thought we plentiful supply of antimal-

arial pills. We had bought coils and had taken some repellents, but when those ran out, we knew we would not be able to buy more.

I suppose we had become blase. We had survived attacks by wild animals and come through a rabies scare, so at the beginning of our three-week crossing of the Sahara, we both stopped our

course of pills. Even though I recovered at the tropical diseases hospital in St Pancras, next time 11 keep taking the tablets.

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#### and not damaged.

not quite," says Professor Curtis, who uses a traditional net. It is a good idea to spray the inside of the net (and the room) with insecticide before you go to bed.

Tests have shown that plug-in devices

with tablets, which emit an insecticide, are highly effective and last for as king as the ten hours the manufacturers claim. If there is an electrical they are a much better choice than the coils that you burn, which provide limited protection. Further ways to reduce the chances of being bitten:

Cover exposed parts of your body after

Make sure mosquito screens are closed

 Keep the air-conditioning on — mosquitoes do not like turbulent air. Remain as sweat-free as possible — mosquitoes are attracted to chemical

compounds in sweat. "Sleep with someone more attractive to mozzies than yourself," Mr Hill says. No one knows why, but mosquitoes are more attracted to some people than others.

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#### SK WEEKEND AMERICA

## Rumble in the Rocky Mountains

IT WAS a classic Colorado showdown. I felt like John Wayne in his declining years. The young pistolero bearned his baby blues unflinchingly at me across the corral. Well, the car park, actually. I'd seen him eyeing me all morning. I knew who he was because I had seen him on TV and his photo was plastered all over the Denver newspapers.

He had no idea who I was, but I'd triggered his competitive, young-gun instincts. As a

guest of the Arapahoe Basin ski patrol, I'd spent the morning carving up deep, untracked powder bowls — off limits, under penalty of sheriff's arrest, to paying customers like him.

A-Basin, in the Rocky Mountains 40 miles

west of Denver, has some of the steepest and most avalanche-prone terrain - and the sweetest powder skiing - In America. That morning, while hiding behind huge pines in thigh-deep snow, we'd thrown small explosive charges to dislodge a threatening slab which thundered from the very top of the mountain all the way down to the parking lot.

That focused his attention. So when I skied down to the bus stop to exchange high-five farewells with the elite veterans of A-Basin's bomb patrol, he was waiting.

Long blond hair tied back with an American-Indian bandanna, dolled up in the latest North Face Steep Tech skiwear, and carrying two pairs of race-tuned 206cm skis, he glancingly assessed my tree-scarred Berghaus parka and short rental skis. "Wanna make some turns?"

But as he told me his story on the bus down the valley to nearby Keystone, the competitive urge quickly thawed into friendliness.

His name is Jason Anthony. He is American. 22, and for the past four winters he has worked nights as a waiter at Bandito's bar in Keystone. For Christmas, his mother bought him an avalanche transceiver. And three days ago, he

Jason was the fourth skier down a serious couloir called Little Professor that is wellknown to those who ski the Colorado backcountry. Jason was en-

moth powder avalanche. Showing amazing coolness, he kicked off his skis and pulled his bandanna down over his mouth, to stop

guifed in a mam-

snow going in and suffocating him. A tourist captured the whole thing on video. "I learnt a lot of respect for the mountain that day,"

Jason told me. Americans not friendly, and the most welcoming in the world. They have the best safety records, the best piste grooming and the most elaborate children's facilities, typically featuring enclosed areas from which adults are banned, with fun park cartoon characters, simulated mine shafts to ski through and educational displays of local flora and fauna.

Haunt of Hollywood stars: Aspen at twilight Any complaints? Certainly, the ski passes are unduly expensive. Comparing the top 15 resorts in France and the United States, a six-day high season lift ticket in America averages at £160, while the same ticket costs only £98 in France. Of course, the American pass allows you to choose any six out of eight days on which to ski and is the ticket to far more civilised and well-organised chairlift

loading areas than in France. In the America-versus-Alps debate, one negative feature that is always mentioned is its dearth of high-altitude haute cuisine.

The implication is that Americans are

barbarians, unable to appreciate a three-hour lunch in a draughty log chalet at mountain-

of chilli from a self-service cafeteria is sufficient fuel for most Americans eager to get back out on the slopes, the best American mountain restaurants beat anything in the Alps for service and comfort. And I have yet to find Chinese food on the menu anywhere in the



Alps, as it is on the mountain at Vail. Keystone's Alpenglow Stube is the best, and highest (11,444ft) haute cuisine in North America. Vintage ports and burgundies topping £200 a bottle complement delicacies such as tenderloin of wild boar. On the mountain at Snowmass, the meal I had at Gwyn's was the equal of anything I have tasted at La Marmite in St Motitz, considered the best mountain eaterie in the Alps.

American and Alpine skiers have different priorities. The average American has no more than two weeks' annual holiday, compared with four to six weeks in Europe.

The American skier invariably wants it easy: instantly understandable no-brainer sign-posting, someone cheerful to brush the snow off the high-speed chairlift seat, and a ski school where psychological counselling comes free with tips on piste technique.

Britons are no longer the worst skiers in the Alps (Italians are), and a Briton who rates himself only an intermediate in Val d'Isère or Verbier will find himself skiing the expert black diamond runs with aplomb in America.

One reason is that American skiing is more populist than the image with which it is often saddled in Britain. Some 4 per cent of all Americans take skiing holidays, whereas fewer than I per cent of Britons do. Anyone who has been in an American resort during annual skiing weeks dedicated to firemen, gays, blacks or airline pilots will admit that American skiing is about as democratic as it gets.

Keeping the customer happy is good busi-ness. And ski resorts have suddenly become investment opportunities in America.

Within the past year, Vail Resorts has acquired both Keystone and Breckenridge. Just last month the American Skiing Company, owners of Killington and Sugarbush in Vermont, paid about £180 million for Steam-boat in Colorado and Heavenly in California. When Vail Resorts went public last March,

an initial stock offering netted £162.5 million. The former Vail chairman, George Gillett, despite financial reversals which saw him denosed at Vail. has started another

skiing consortium that has acquired ten American

No American resort, however, is as extensive as the huge interconnected ski circuses of the Alps, typified France's Trois Vallees, with 600km in pistes. Britons used to laisin the Alps, where warning signs and ignored without legal penalty, comno off-piste

They bridle at confiscated for skiing too fast, and at stiff fines for skiing under ropes marking closed pistes. In fact, there is plenty of challenging skiing in America, particularly in Alaska, Utah, Jackson Hole and the Tahoe region, the

eminence of Ameri Schmidt. Glen Plake and Doug Coombs starring in extreme videos and winning the World Extreme Championships in Valdez,

With its bigger snowfalls (up to 1,000 inches annually in Alyeska, less than 40 miles from Anchorage), and considerably more avalancheprone terrain (particularly in Utah), it is only by strictly controlling skiers' access to "backcoun-try" areas outside resort boundaries and by skiers' adherence to safety regulations within resorts that America can assure accident and avalanche fatality statistics that are a fraction

of those in the Alps.

If it is not fair to characterise American skiing as universally anodyne, it is not amiss to criticise the woeful insistence on filling glasses testing for all employees and bans on male staff sporting beards and ponytails appear decidedly



COLORADO



On the steep slopes of the Rockies, where British skiers accustomed to intermediate status in the Alps can handle the black runs with ease

## Twisting off the beaten track

Anita Peltonen tests out the rugged cross-country

learnt to ski cross-country long before I skied downhill and I'm still partial to twisting trails and lots of trees, and pistes that haven't been groomed clean of the signs of wilderness that are half the point of winter sports.

A friend suggested that I check out Cannon and Loon ski mountains, in New Hamp-shire's White Mountain National Forest. As I soon discovered, they provide my kind of scenery — in spades.

First I skied Cannon, where the views from the enclosed Tram gondola over Echo Lake, Franconia Notch, the bald Mt Lafayette, and the northern reaches of the White Mountains National Forest, are the wildest and most varied I've seen from any northeastern American slope.

Only blue (intermediate) and black (expert) trails are available at the top of Cannon, at 4,186ft Cannon Trail beterrain found in New Hampshire's National Forest away next to you and views to

came my favorite. Upper Cannon (blue) is narrow and winding, with a good spin off the fall line. It is closely hugged by trees, giving an illusion of shelter despite the shelter despite the wind biting at my face.

Middle Cannon (blue), also narrow, develops small, wellformed moguls by afternoon. When the powder is light they're good fun. Otherwise, there's the smoother Middle Cannon bypass, which has deeply banked elbow curves. Lower Cannon (green, for novices) is a wide free-for-all with lots of tree islands. From here, there are 13 ways to finish your run.

Advanced skiers choose Taft Slalom (black). "It's got a keen pitch, with a little elfin land of trees falling

love it. veteran I met at the top, who also told me that this was the

original trail opened in 1931 as North America's first alpine On the west slope, Upper Ravine (blue) was another choice run. The wind acted up, but the incline and curves give this trail grace, and you get something of that skiing-atthe top of the world feeling. The dwarf pines are bent over with snow, and the taller trees

are thickly rimed with crystals. On a clear day you can see Canada. The best novice run is Gremlin. It's wide and straight, but includes some decent pitch and roll. Cannon Mountain is not kind to timid

The mountain does have its drawbacks: the trails spilling into Echo basin, the sole route back to the Tram, are steep and slick up, since they fall into shadow early in the day, and the slog across the flat Tram Cutback is difficult if you came from Gary's or Rocket (blues).

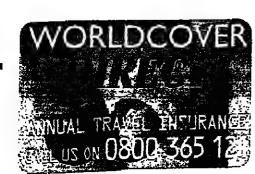
ut Cannon is a natural beauty: endless trees and crags punctuate the 22-mile network of trails that ends at Echo Lake, an onyx tarn. Thanks to its exposed northerly face, Cannon has lashings of natural snow from November until April, so there is hardly any call for snowmaking. Cannon is not

skiers and boarders love it. Where Cannon is no-nonterrain.

sense, Loon, ten miles away, is full service, an entire ski village. Ski "ambassadors" direct skiers from the parking lot or lift unloading points to the type of trail they want. I rode the popular gondola to the 3,050-foot summit.

My favourite route from there was Bear Claw Extension (blue). It spools behind the mountain and back before bringing you into handsome high tundra on two bouncy fall-liners, Flying Fox and Picked Rock (blues). These had moderate drop-offs, brief plateaus, and a series of islands. Like Cannon, Loon is also sheltered by nearby cliffs. Of the black routes, Upper Walking Boss and Flume begin highest up and have the

steepest drop-offs. But more



THIS week, for the first time, flydrive options are being offered on ski charters to Denver and Canadian resorts served by Calgary and Vancouver.

Starting at £299 for round-trip flights to Denver, and including car hire for a week with unlimited mileage, these options are, for the moment available, only from Snow Line (01858 434363) and Skiers Travel Bureau (0113-266 6876).

These prices do not include

skiers the chance to take

accommodation, but they do offer

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advantage of multi-resort skiing. particularly in Colorado, where Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge and Keystone are all featured this year for the first time on a single

Getting around the Colorado resorts - and the Banff area ski centres and Jasper — on public transport has never been convenient. Summit County's Copper Mountain, for example, although

very close to Breckenridge, has no public transport link to the Vail

With a car, skiers have the option of privately arranged. inexpensive accommodation in the Summit County towns of Dillon or Silverthome, although packages with resort-based accommodation are also available from Snow Line and Skiers Travel Bureau.





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#### SKI WEEKEND: AMERICA

## Best of the west: high and mighty

Doug Sager hits the transatlantic trail to compare resorts in

the USA, where skiing is often only part of an impressive package

#### VAIL'S RESORTS

I CAN think of no better introduction to American skiing than Vail in Colorado, especially now that Breckenridge historically the single most popular American resort with Britons has been added to the Vail ski pass. Key-stone, an ideal family centre a few miles from the tiny, cult resort of Arapahoe Basin, is Breckenridge's near neighbour, connected by free

Along with Breckenridge, Vail satellite Beaver Creek and Key-stone are now included on the ski pass. Also for the first time, buses. costing \$5 for the 45-minute trip. will run from Vail to the Summit County resorts of Breckenridge

Vail is the most popular resort among Americans. And if it has any failing, it is in trying to be all things to all skiers and snowboarders. The Eagle's Nest complex of restaurants, night skiing, snowboarding and ice-skating, which opened last year, certainly has something for

Vail's Back Bowis tempt even intermediate skiers off piste, with graduated steeps from easy to

seriously challenging.

Car-free Vail tries for a European atmosphere with mock Tyrolean trappings, but succeeds better with Western themes: hot-dog stands done up as stagecoaches and horse-drawn sleighs driven by cowboys.

The Lodge at Vail is one of the best resort hotels in America, and it is the only one in Vail with skiing to and from the door.

#### ASPEN

FOR true sophistication, skiing terrain for all abilities and affordability, there is no alternative to Aspen in Colorado. Never mind the celebrities, and forget the furs. Aspen is a small city, where I found a steak dinner for less than \$10, two-for-one happy-hoor cock-tails and good shopping at big stores like Gap and Eddle Bauer. Aspen has its own theatre

company, research institutes, clascafe/bookstore that stays open until midnight. The town is small and flat enough to make walking a pleasure and the ski slopes come right into town.

Manicured and gentle, Butter-milk is the perfect beginners' mountain. Snowmass is a selfcontained resort, a huge complex of mostly intermediate runs. And this winter a new lift into the expert-only Cirque area gives Snowmass the title of America's highest lift-served skiing (12,510ft) and longest vertical drop (4,406ft).

Aspen Highlands, just outside town, is a rugged mountain with steep tree runs and the favoured haunt of the Aspen hardcore. Aspen Mountain itself is one of America's best, although it can get overcrowded. Hidden runs remain, however. Try to hook up with the Chicks on Sticks, who sld every Friday. They'll take you deep into the woods where they have made a shrine to Jerry



High life: bubble lift at Vail

Garcia. Red roses, beads and rolling papers are nailed to trees, along with a poem by Ken Kesey. it's one of the few places in Colorado — indoers or out where smoking is not prohibited.

#### UTAH

UTAH'S legendary powder snow is said to be the result of snowclouds drying out while pass-ing over the desert. Utah's resorts get more snow every winter than most resorts in the Alps get in their best season out of 20. Snowbird and Alta are the resorts best known to British skiers. Park City, venue for many events in the 2002 Winter Olympics, is far more accessible to the average interme-

But Utah also harbours America's most expensive ski pass (\$342 for six days) and over-the-top resort Deer Valley, where the bath taps are gold-plated.

The legendary Olympic skier Stein Eriksen, 70 this winter, is out on the slopes every day to show visiting skiets how it's done.

JACKSON Hole in Wyoming has party scene to relax the stiffest resolve. With the jagged peaks of the Grand Tetons as a backdrop and horses and cattle roaming the range, Jackson Hole is cowboy country in spades. In summer it teems with visitors to the national parks; but in winter its motels have reasonable rates. Staying in the town of Jackson, only 12 miles but as much as an hour by shuttle from the ski area, is well worth it.

The Million Dollar Cowboy Bar, with its tobacco-chewing cowboys hunkered over the pool tables, and cowgirls in the back room kicking off line dancing, is no tourist trap. There are the inevitable junk T-shirt shops, but there is no better place to shop for lizard-skin boots, ankie-length canvas "duster" coats cut to spread over a horse's rump, or pearl-handled 45s.

Jackson Hole is cold in winter and the snow is furious. Waits of uncommon in the past, but this year a new cable car - Americans call them trams - has been added. As you ride up, right over the top of the famous Corbet's Couloir, a "safety person" in the old tram announces which runs are open, and warns, with justification: "You ain't never skied a mountain like this one before."

FAIRWEATHER skiers can't find a better resort than Squaw Valley, where the California sun blazes every day of the winter, except the five or six when it snows. But when it snows in the Lake Tahoe region, measurements are taken by the foot, in double figures. Last time the El Niño weather phenomenon hit America, the Tahoe resorts were literally buried. It is shocking at Squaw to ski over a ridge with huge piles of snow and see on the other side an endless expanse of brown desert.

Lake Tahoe is beautiful, and it is possible to take an old paddlesteamer across the lake each morning to ski Squaw. Heavenly /alley straddles the California Nevada border. On the Nevada side are quick-wedding chapels, drive-through divorce bureaux and towering gambling casinos. The latter have inexpensive accommodation, lavish entertain-ment and are convenient for Heavenly's skiing - definitely not of the high-risk variety.

#### ALASKA

LOVERS of the extreme, romantics and escapists will adore Alaska. The Chugach mountains fall straight to the sea in steep folds laden with deep snow. There is drama in the night sky when the Northern Lights electrify the inky black, and in the sea, when huge bore tides rip down the ice and mud flats of Turnagain Arm.

In Alyeska I skied snow as deep and couloirs as steep as I have ever dared, all legally open under the supervision of the resort ski patrol. Many days are foggy, and the snow can be heavy - the resort is the lowest in America at 250ft. But skiing in Alaska was like nothing I had ever experienced in America or in the Alps. I can't wait to go back.

#### NEW ENGLAND

AMERICA'S Atlantic coast has some good skiing, but does not live up to the aggressive marketing that resorts and tour operators direct at British skiers. Eastern skiing is a quicker to get to and a bit cheaper, but that's about it.

No other place in the world has such extensive snowmaking systems. Such advanced snow engineering allows skiing on bases as little as two inches thick of compacted artificial snow. Killington, in Vermont, is generally America's first resort to open and the last to close. East Coast skiers are acknowledged to be America's toughest and most skilful, taking blue ice in their stride and shivering merrily along in bitter conditions that, in the

Rockies, would keep most skiers indoors. It is the relative proximity to huge conurbations that started skiing in New England, home of America's most venerable and tradition-laden resorts. The terrain tends to consist of narrow. heavily wooded and sometimes susprisingly steep trails, unlike the open, unforested high-altitude

bowls of Colorado. New Englanders have an accent, character and humour absent in the American West. Their resorts have invested heavily in new lifts and in piste prooming machines capable of cracking ice and grinding it into powder. But deep snowfalls of the light, longcrystal flakes that routinely fly in



Breckenridge, always popular with British visitors, is now included on the Vail ski pass

#### Continued from page 30 interesting blacks are Angel Street and Upper Rummunner. Angel Street is a treat for skiers seeking "whales" --giant piles of ungroomed. artificial snow with 8ft dropoffs, spilling you from one to

eaten track

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Loon's drawbacks include the gondola waits, and a tendency towards straightline cruisers on the lower slope. You should avoid the eastern bowl toward day's end; if the North Peak or East Basin chairs have stopped, you have to meander along Brookway, then push hard across a to West Basin

Trail conditions varied little between the two mountains, there was just less bulletproof ice on the chairlifts at Loon. Cannon has the state's longest vertical drop, at 2,446ft versus Loon's 2,100. Cannon's summit, however, is more than 1,000ft higher. Each mountain is cloaked with dense stands of spindly, naked maples at the lower elevations, a thick coat of evergreens at the middle altitudes, and up high, pined granite ledges casting sharp profiles against slate skies. The skiing is interesting and varied and -- more importantly, so, too, is the wilderness.

After that, and a trip on the free steam train shuttling skiers between the two base lodges. I was ready for a long soak in one of the resort's hot tubs. I stayed at the gracious, wood-shingled 1912 Wilderness Inn B&B three miles from Loon in north Woodstock, with its modest war memorial

and old Yankee cottages. The proprietors, Rosanna, a language teacher, and Mike Yarnell, a ski instructor, offer comfort, an excellent selection of LPs, generous breakfasts and free tea or hot cider at the end of the day — all at a fraction of the cost of the more expensive slopeside accom-

modation.

Loon Mountain are in New Hampshire, about 140 miles north of Boston, Mass, on Interstate Highway 93. For information consult: New Hampshire Tourism (001-800 386 4664); Ski 93 (001-603 745 8101), the regional ski promotion agency: Loon Mountain resort information 1001-603 745 8111); Cannon Mountain resort information (001-603 823 5563). The Wilderness Inn. Rie3, North Woodstock, NH 03262 (001-603 745 3890); rooms from E30-E56 (\$50-\$90). From the UK, Loon is featured in the Crystal Schools programme (0181-241 5151).

Cannon Mountain and



With its high, sheltered tundra, Loon offers adventurous skiers an expansive wilderness





with chalets. Neilson (0990) 994444) has three Colorado resorts, having dropped Crested Butte, and five new offerings on the East Coast. Thomson (0990 329329). which out its American programme altogether some years ago, is back with a good choice of six Colorado resorts. Airtours (01706 232324) also concentrates on Colorado. with four resorts. First Choice (0990 557755) goes to three Colorado resorts. Ski the American Dream (0181-552 1201) was the first firm to cross the Atlantic, and in 17 years has acquired 23 resorts, including Alta, Taos and Big Sky -- seldom featured by less experienced operators. Ski Independence

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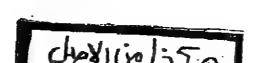
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## Say goodbye to the sun

February's solar eclipse should

be spectacular,

says Lucy

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unseekers should avoid the Caribbean in February; scien-tists say it will be the best place to observe a solar eclipse. Ironically, the devastated island of Montserrat. off-limits to tourists after a volcanic eruption, is pin-pointed as the ideal viewing island. However, neighbouring Antigua and Guadeloupe are suggested as next best to observe the total eclipse on February 26, which will be visible for three minutes at about 2.30pm, local time. Scientists are hoping that the volcanic dust clouds from Montserrat will result in spectacular viewing. According to Dr Peter

Cattermole, a geologist and astronomer who is leading a group to Guadeloupe, background light as the sun moves behind the moon could reflect off dust particles, forming a clear outline of the volcanic clouds highlighted in the darkness. "Secing volcanic dust behind a total eclipse is extremely he says. "Similar sights happened in 1883 in the aftermath of Mt Krakatoa's eruption."

He will watch the eclipse from the cliffs at Pointe de la Grande Vigie, on the north-ern tip of Guadeloupe and overlooking the sea to Montserrat 50 miles away. Dr Cattermole, a director of Journeys of Special Scientific Interest, is working with Bridgewater Travel (0161-707 8279) to arrange the seven-night trip from February 23 to March 3. The price of £1,279 includes flights, transfers, room-only accommoda-tion and a celebratory lunch.

Worldwide Journeys and Expeditions (0171-381 8638) has a 17-day cruise for £3,325 to the Galapagos Islands off Ecuador, which will also provide a viewing platform. The eclipse may also be visible from as far afield as Hawaii and Morocco.



Joanna Hunter tracks down the best travel bargains, from gambling in Monte Carlo to a safari in Botswana

☐ PAGODAS, chopsticks, kitsch: Japan has it all. The Japan Experience (01703 730830) has reduced its offer of seven nights (accommoda-tion only) at the New Miyako Hotel, Kyoto, and return flights from Heathrow to Osaka, from £996 to £886 per person. Departing every day this week, transfers and Japa-nese taxes are not included.

☐ Try your luck in Monte Carlo. Arrive in style with British Airways Holidays (01293 723100) which is offering helicopter transfers bet-ween Nice and Monaco, one night's B&B at the Hotel Mirabeau, return flights and all UK taxes from £245 per person, departing from Heathrow every day this

Spend the day in Prague next Sunday, November 23. First Choice (0161-742 2228) offers a return flight leaving from Gatwick at 6.45am and returning at 9pm, breakfast and supper, transfers, half-day guided tour and free guide are all included for £129 per person.

☐ On Safari (0171-823 5900) is offering six nights on the Mokoro Trail in Botswana, leaving next Friday, November 21. You stay at three lodges, including the Chobe Chilwero Camp, from where you can see some of the best big game in Africa. The price of £2,448 per person includes full board, activities, all transfers, return flights from Heathrow via Johannesburg, airport taxes and all the park

☐ Bask in Tobago with Caribtours (0171-581 3517). Flying on Wednesday from Heathrow to Trinidad, seven nights accommodation at the Kariwak Village and transfers to Tobago is £605 per

☐ Visit Arras, birthplace of the revolutionary Robespierre and now hailed as the best town for shopping in Norman£126 Alt UK/KLA 162 AII UK/KLM . . 5226 AICUK/ KLM E630 BA £B44 BA n £178 mw/ £208 w iak: 0171 388 559 n 0541 569569 CBAL 0345 22 na 0181-780 1444

(01653 62886Z) is offering one night's B&B at the Ostel del Trois Luppas and return ferry from Dover to Calais for a car and two people for £80, leaving next Saturday, November

☐ Suffering from insomnia? Major Travel (0)71-393 1080) is flying to New York on Friday, November 21. Three nights accommodation only at the centrally located Metro Hotel, transfers, taxes and return flights with British Airways from Heathrow or Gatwick is £429 per person; flight only is £221, including taxes.

☐ Sunvil UK (0181-232 9788) is: offering two nights half board at the Royal Hotel on the Isle of Wight for £129 per person. Return ferry for one car and wo passengers, free entry to Carisbrooke Castle and bottle of wine is included.

☐ Fly to Thailand with Asean

has daily departures for a two-week, two-centre holiday. You spend three nights in Bangkok and II in Pattaya: the price of £664 includes B&B, flights, transfers and taxes. Departures from Heathrow or Gatwick. The holiday must be completed before December 6.

☐ Austravel (0171-734 7755) has flights to Auckland, New Zealand, on Thursday November 20 from Gatwick and on Sunday, November 23 from Manchester, with Britannia Airways for £399 return. Austravel also has a seven-night self-drive tour of New Zealand's North Island for £307 per person, including car hire and accommodation, but not meals or flights.

☐ Exodus (0181-675 5550) has a 15-day Moroccan Sahara tour, leaving Heathrow next Saurday, for £585 per person including accommodation

#### Britain offers legal protection from the touts, but Spain has not caught up, says Cath Urquhart

TOURISTS in Tenerife earlier this month probably did not realise the debt they owed the Association of British Travel Agents, which was holding its annual convention in Piaya de ias Américas, in the south of the island.

For years, it has been been impossible to walk along the promenades of Playa and neighbouring Los Cristianos without being pestered by timeshare touts. When I was in Tenerile a year ago, the pressure was relentless. Every few steps. I had a scratchcard or leaflet thrust into my hand.

So during the convention, I expected the same treatment. Yet on a two-hour stroll along Veronicas, the bustling heart of Playa, not one tout did I see. Instead, there were so many police that I half-expected a presidential motorcade to

appear at any moment. I finally found a tout just round the corner from the convention centre. Bronzed, bejewelled and with a practised patter, he was soon charting about the complex he was promoting. I wanted to visit to see if the patter matched the reality. 50 when he asked if I was with Abta, I denied all knowledge of the



convention, knowing he would scarper if I revealed My cover was blown when

two fellow delegates walked past, greeted me warmly and asked if I was going to the afternoon session. My tout vanished like a rat up a drainpipe. But Tina Sonck, director of the Tenerife tourist development bureau, thinks the 2,200 Abra delegates cannot take all the credit for keeping the touts off the

"Timeshare companies here have said they will gradually take their people off the streets because of the bad press they were getting. The Canarian regional government is looking at ways of putting the touts in specific areas but it is not contemplating their removal. We and the Tenerife government think this does not go far enough - we want them off the streets.

Touts or no touts, timeshare sales methods are still a cause for grief in several European countries, especially Spain.



In Los Cristianos last year, the pressure was relentless

where by far the largest number of Britons buy their properties. Spain has still not implemented the European Union directive designed to give timeshare purchasers greater protection. It became law last April in Britain and a handful of other EU countries.

"cooling off" period during which they can change their minds and get all their money back. In Britain the law already exceeds this, with purchasers given a 14-day cooling In his speech to the Abra delegates, Nigel Griffiths, the

Consumer Affairs Minister, The directive's most imporsaid he had met his Spanish tant provision is that it gives timeshare customers a ten-day counterpart last month to discuss the problem. "He as-sures me that the Spanish Government is likely to pass the necessary laws within six months," he said. "That's good news for timeshare operators and customers and will enable people to buy timeshares with confidence."

EVEN when it is implemen-ted, however, the EU directive will not stop touts hassling holidaymakers. Diana manager for the Timeshare Council, a trade body based in London, says customers are further confused because the Department of Trade and Industry has put out a guide to sumes the EU directive is in

force across Europe.
"The DTI leaflet says customers buying within the EU will have ten days to cool off, and it is proving very hard to explain to customers why this is not so in all countries, How to avoid pitfalls

Timeshare is growing in pop-

ularity and respectability.
Airtours is the first major tour operator to go into the timeshare business, and is selling timeshares at complexes in Orlando, Florida, and the Bahia Feliz complex on Gran Canaria, due to open next year. Ilkeston Co-op Travel started selling holidays last month to a timeshare complex in Tenerife. There are still rogue operators in the business, however, and there are still countries where consumer protection is inadequate, so if you are considering buying a timeshare, remember these

 If you buy in a country such as Spain that has not imple-mented the EU directive, you may have trouble getting your money back if you change your mind.

You can swap your timeshare week so you are not tied to the same resort, but if you buy an off-peak week you may find it harder to make a good swap.

 Check the management charges for maintenance of the property - if repairs are needed, costs can be high. ■ The Timeshare Council, 23 Buckingham Gate, London SWIE 6LB (0171-821 8845).

## **Britons** to pay £35 for Kenya visa

Holiday firms say tourism will suffer. Cath Urquhart reports

ritish visitors to Kenya will have to pay a £35 visa fee from today, following a sudden decision by the Kenyan Government to introduce the charge.

The move has been branded an "own goal" by holiday companies that take tourists to Kenya. The country is already suffering a drop in visitor numbers following political unrest in Mombasa in

August.
Nick Woods of British Airways Holidays, which sends about 100 Britons to Kenya each week, said: "It is absolutely outrageous. They have given us no time to tell our customers, so there are going to be very difficult scenes at Nairobi and Mombasa airports. We are trying to tell our customers before they travel and they are very unhappy

"We believe this to be a negative move — it will deter people from going there. Also, we believe it will cause unemployment and bankruptcy in their hotel industry."

A spokesman for Somak Holidays, a leading operator to Kenya, said: "For a country that relies so heavily on tourism, this can only do harm. We are also surprised by the level of the charge, which is higher than many other destinations. It will undoubtedly affect bookings."

Alan Flook, secretary-gen-eral of the Federation of Tour Operators, which represents 18 of the biggest holiday companies, said: "We have protested to the Kenyan Ministry of Tourism. We are finding it hard enough to sell Kenya as it is. This will put

the lid on it." pay £20 air passenger duty when leaving Britain, and a £14 departure tax when leaving Kenya. The visa fee was announced only on Tuesday

As well as the visa fee, visitors to Kenya must each

and takes effect from today. A single entry tourist visa, valid

ist visa valid for one year costs £70, and a two-year multiple-entry visa costs £120. Children travelling on their own passport will also have to pay. Christopher Chika, First

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Secretary at the Kenya High Commission in London, defended the introduction of the fee. He said: "It is less than what we are charged by the British High Commission in Nairobi to visit Britain as tourists." He said the move was not as sudden as it might appear. "The British have been charging us for a year, so it was more or less expected. If they have been planning to go to Kenya, a £35 charge will not put them off."

However, political unrest might deter travellers. Elections have been scheduled for December 29 and violence cannot be ruled out.

A spokesman for the For-eign Office said: "Since mid-August there have been a number of violent incidents in which local people have been killed and properties burned. Most have occurred just south of Mombasa, near the Shelley and Diani Beach resorts."

hese resorts are popular with British tourists. The spokesman added that violence had not been directed at tourists and holiday companies were co-operating with local authorities to

safeguard visitors.
The £35 fee puts Kenya near the top of the league for expensive tourist visas. Last year Jordan tried to raise its fee from £27 to £72 but quickly brought it back down after protests from holidaymakers. Vietnam and Bangladesh charge E40, but Nigeria is a clear winner at £138.

 Anyone travelling to Kenya can obtain the visa on arrival at Nairobi or Mombasa airports, said Mr Chika. Tourists who wish to apply in advance can obtain an application form from the Kenya High Commission. Place, London Was Portland



## EU calls a halt to duty-free sales

But you can still buy, depending on where you're going, says Stephen Brennan

THE European Commission has confirmed that from July 1, 1999, duty-free sales within the European Union will be abolished.

Mario Monti, the internal market commissioner, informed the European Parliament of the decision in response to the campaign against the abolition of duty free by interested parties such as trades unions, airlines, airports and the ferry

companies. But duty-free will still be available for EU citizens bound for destinations outside Europe, which account for half of all travellers from London airports. People travelling to dutyfree areas such as the Channel Islands and the Canary Islands will also still qualify for the perk, so these destinations may well become more

The concept of duty-free dates to the days when on long voyages a.

duced a ration of alcohol as a substitute. Civilian travellers subsequently were allowed to buy drinks free of duty once the ship was in international waters: Cross-Channel ferry operators are

unhappy at the abolition, as they make up to 50 per cent of their revenue from duty and tax-free sales. But Eurostar and Le Shuttle argue that money made on this trade distorts competition on cross-Channel routes. A Eurostar spokesman said: "We have never been allowed to sell duty free, and we feel all carriers should be treated the same, so we do not think that the present arrange-ments are fair. We hope that the abolition of duty free will tilt the balance in Eurostar's favour."

And perhaps, once ferry firms no longer have a vested interest in keeping their customers at sea buying goods in ageing and slow ferries, will invest more in a new

#### AROUND THE WORLD A WEEKEND GUIDE

## Living it up in Florida

INTERHOME (0181-89) 1294), the largest independent accommodation agency in Europe, has moved into Florida with a collection of elf-catering apartments and villas with pools to rent. Prices start at £326-£616 for a six-person apartment for a week in St Petersburg on the Gulf of Mexico, rising to £1,241-E1,374 for a five-star villa with pool, sleeping ten, in Kissimmee, south of Orlando. All these prices are per property.

In Stockholm, next year's Euro-pean Culture Capital, both the B&B Agency Sweden and the B&B Service Stockholm can offer rooms in private houses from £15-£36 per person per night. Details from the Swedish Travel and Tourism Council (0171-724 5868).

Children under 12 can stay free in hotels in London, if they share a room with their parents. The Hotel Directory (0181-770 0123) offers several centrally located hotels, with prices between £33-£59 per person per night.

THE Venice Simplon-Orient-Express (0171-805 5100) is to retrace most of its inaugural 1883 route from Paris to Istanbul next summer. The five-day rail trip departing on August 28 (returning September 2) will cross Austria, Hungary, Transylvania and Romania. The one-way trip, which includes three nights on the train with full board, a night in Budapest and a Bucharest sightseeing tour, costs £2,785. For £3,100, a seven-night holiday includes Eurostar to

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Paris, the train journey, three nights in Istanbul (B&B) and flight back to London.

JILL CRAWSHAW'S TRAVEL TIPS

#### Activity days

THOMSON Holidays (0990 502 399) is spicing up the cut-price image of the Dominican Republic, which this winter will overtake Florida as Thomson's bestselling long-haul destination.

To cater for younger travellers the company is introducing mountain bike tours, river rafting and a four-day Get Wet Go Wild adventure including riding, rafting and biking. A 14-day all-inclusive holiday, offering all these activities, costs from £1,045-£1,549.

#### Nursing care needed



ORPHAN orangutans are among the casualties of the fires that have swept the forests of Indonesia. The

young, who are of-ten in a state of shock and are desperate for food, are being cared for at the Orang-utan Foundation in the Tanjung Puting National

If you want to help the orphans and track wild rehabilitated orang-utans, you can join one of the 14-day projects organised by discoveryinitiatives (0171-229 9881) between June and November 1998. The cost is £2,395 including flights, meals and accommodation in lodges and camp sites. Cheaper projects include a sev-

en-day bush and wildlife trip in South Africa's KwaZulu/Natal in



Passengers on the Orient Express will visit Romania

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March and October which costs £655 (flights £550 extra). There is also a spring flowers and walks holiday in Cyprus accompanied by a naturalist, at £639 for an eight-day B&B stay.

#### Vietnam view

CHECK your travel insurance before booking for a new tour of Vietnam organised by the Imaginative Traveller (0181-742 8612). It is a Motorbike Adventure — on the 125cc phut-phuts used by the locals - and costs £990 for two weeks. Starting and finishing in Hanoi, the trip explores the border terrain in the north of the country, taking in the mountain ranges, ethnic hill tribe towns and lakesides, using roads rarely travelled by Westerners. The three departures in 1998 are on April 19, August 2 and September 20.

The company has also arranged six exploratory adventures in China for those who can survive without all the comforts of Western hotels. Some tours visit lesser-known regions where standards can be basic, and itineraries have to be flexible.

Customers on a 22-day Hill Tribes of China Tour, travelling by bus, bicycle and on foot, will be among the first visitors to the mountainous Guizhou Province in the south. The tour price is £895.

The Yunnan Explorer, a 15-day trip costing £660, visits recently opened regions of the southwest near the borders with Laos and Burma; the going is expected to be tough. All prices include internal transport, guiding and accommodation, but not food (for which you should allow £110-£200), or flights

**BOATING** specialist Blakes Holidays (01603 782141) is introducing DIY cruising on the Eric Canal, New York State, from April. The 108mile voyage begins at Oneida Lake, joins the Mohawk River, passing through farmland, forest and old Indian villages, with a "staircase" of locks leading into the Hudson River and the Champlain Canal. No boating experience is required as the locks are staffed. The canal was completed in 1825 and was responsible for opening up much of the west. A cruiser sleeping six costs £1,950 to hire for a week (excluding food and flights). From mid-November 1998. Blakes will launch similar boating holidays on St John's River in Florida.

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that one out. Room rates for the new hotel are not yet released, and for advance information you will have to contact Singapore (tel 00 65 734 5250, fax 00 65 738 8379).

#### Ancient sites

THE gradual easing of tension across much of the Middle East is helping to bring more of the wonders of the ancient world on to the traveller's itinerary. The new brochure from Jasmin Tours (0181-675 8886) includes a ten-day Phoenicians, Romans and Crusaders tour which links Byblos and Baalbek in Lebanon with Aleppo. Palmyra and Damascus in Syria. The price is £1,468.

An 11-day Bible Land trip, at £1,125, teams Jordan with Israel. Tours to Oman and Ethiopia, Egypt and Pakistan are also offered. "Iran is almost a piece of

cake these days," says Jim Smith. the managing director, who runs a 16-day tour to that country for £1,887. "You have to conform to the social code — with women always wearing headscarves - although these days you do occasionally see a quiff of hair showing."

He has added Libya (a 15-day tour of the ancient sites costs £1,785) to his programme of potential trouble spots. And he has just escorted 85 members of the Royal British Legion and Royal Horse Artillery to Yemen for the 30th anniversary of the British departure from Aden.

"The recent spate of kidnappings has made a bit of a dent in our numbers to Yemen," admits Smith, "But our tours [£1,895 for 15 days] are well away from the trouble and a lot of people still want to go.

Tours to Iraq? I don't suppose

we'd be allowed in." he adds. almost wistfully. Prices quoted include flights, visas and sightseeing and are mainly half-board.

FROM English Country Cottages, now owned by the Thomson Travel Group, comes Country Cottages in France (01282 445511), offering selfcatering accommodation ranging from rural hideaways to villas with pools. Among the more unusual properties is a stone-built, beamed, former priest's house, Le Presbytère, next to the church situated in the Perigordian hamlet of Preyssac d'Excideuil. The lavatory is in the old confessional. The house sleeps four and costs £264 for a week, rising to £526 in July and August, with ferry fares for a car and up to five passengers also

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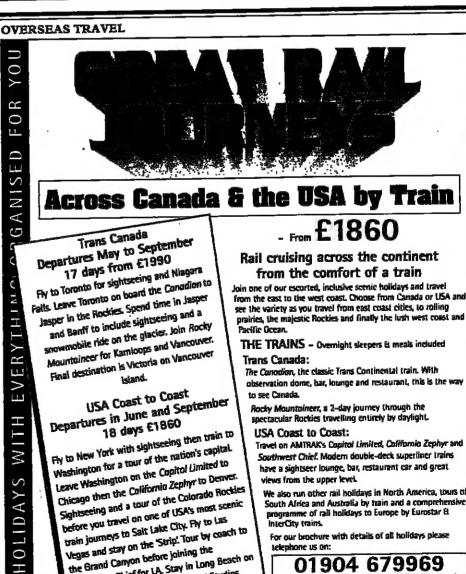
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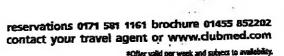






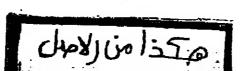








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THANKS to everyone who has

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most recent batch of suggestions has been particularly fruitful and I

shall be publishing six of the best

I start off with a neat situation

from a game by grandmaster

Richard Reii, whose book of mas-

· Golombek) has recently been is-

sued. Our first extract was pub-

lished as a Winning Move on

Black to play. This position is from

the game Perlis-Reti, Vienna 1910. Black is two pawns ahead and

should win easily. However, it is always a good idea to finish off

quickly if possible and that is

exactly what Black did here. Can

you work out how he did it?

terpieces

October 20.

(edited by Harry



**全** 全

Here White resigned, Mr Cook of

Essex suggests that White could

have fought on with the bishop

retreat 39 Bdl. This is an imagina-

tive proposal which would permit

White to fight on after 39 ... Nxel

However, Black has a complete

riposte. 39 Bd1 would in fact be met

by 39 ... Nf5+ 40 Kh3 Nd6+

The final position this week was

iven as a Winning Move on

October 21. Once again it is a small

gem by that great master of chess

White to play. This position is

from the game Reti-Sterk, Vienna

Here White's active pieces created the opportunity for a quick finish. Can you see how he broke

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1 Rxff61 gxff6 (1 . . . Rxf6 2 Qxd5+ and the rook on aS goes) 2 Qg3+ Kf7 3 Qg7+ Ke6 4 Qxf8 Rxf8 5 Ng7+ with

winning material advantage.

black queen is lost.

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winning the white queen.

artistry Richard Reti.

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CHESS

by Raymond Keene

EACH clue contains a redundant word that is to be ignored. The first letters of these (in clue order) provide a warning and advice.

1 Take smack to the South pole 5 Wild shy picks one character off; orderly gives

10 Tree that is entwined with sixty rings

11 After the end of the burlesque a unit evicts someone of doubtful sexual behavious

13 Moved with right and left legs alternating; a doctor

15 Old bird that sounds young 16 Snake in debt scraped living

18 Resort; district of (for example) New Forest county folk is without one vacancy 20 Bishop had one extra about castle

21 Leave indeed! Name would be removed from

22 Indian soldier who needs to involve revolutionary American soldier to complete unsavoury business 24 Model something saucy with a bit of risk in it. Go on 25 Sort of hen goes to church early for state of little

26 Runic character is in a mixed state 27 Decline office; one definition gives a clue for wolf 29 Unusual pace; top finished; are extremely dry and hot 32 More than one Spenserian word like this used to be

NOT THAT long ago the entire

world seemed to be plugged into the internet to share sadness and

condolences following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. In con-

trast, little has appeared so far to

commemorate Oueen Elizabeth's

Using the Yahoo search engine

the phrase Queen Elizabeth UK

produces only ten sites, of which

three are dedicated to the Cunard

cruise liner, three are profiles of

1603, and one is a reunion page dedicated to tracing former pupils of the Queen Elizabeth Grammar

School at Penrith. The three re-

maining sites are a short profile of

the Queen, a report about the

Coronation and Queen Elizabeth II

'FAQ" (or, Frequently Asked

The latter (http://www.mun.ca/

library/ref/qeiifaq.html) explains

that the Queen has several titles.

although in the United Kingdom her official monicker is: Elizabeth

the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great

Britain and Northern Ireland and

Her other Realms and Territories

Queen, Head of the Common-

wealth, Defender of the Faith. This

must make signing cheques hell.

Queen Elizabeth I, who died in

olden wedding anniversary.

34 Pluck; ginger, aggression 36 This is subject to electric flux; motor is first put on 37 Muddled doctor in old bacchanalian festival 39 Within is a broad without the beginning of belief in

40 Berlin's ghetto ultimately involves contumely 41 Sort of bush; see, it has a point for shelter

43 East Indian shot first inflicted Roman disaster 45 Edges middle to May; toddle after succeeding first

46 Feeble back-up to state initiative

47 Their job is to rake in easy money from suckers;

9 1 1

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6 3

ol

what Brian Johnson might have called Elvis Presley after a short time 48 Tremulous use for quill: joined up script

#### DOWN

I One who looks round accomplished something for one who looks well

2 River contains a mixture of spices

3 Force back anomalous love New game for three with twelve cards for each trick 5 Go about selling goods from a hamper, desiring former times back

6 Turn out on adding chief island points 7 Irritating gas includes a rudimentary thickness of atomic spacing to come together as parts of poem

8 Break ground; one can hear a card game 9 Take in seaman's bereaved relative 1] Agitate for the old poet; augment as starts for toper's

12 Old seers even including the last of many magi 14 This fane immediately cleaves two articles in Greek

17 Shot pawn out: exercise training starts, darling

19 Uses up: finishes for real; stands up base down and 23 Once nearly top note for lyre is included, new one is

25 Father's eavesdropping outside; one note diminishes 26 In dull country town foolish young man swallows

28 One to whom secret things are entrusted; sounds able to give shelter between walls

30 Resounding sound; pick out the third in it; surge aloft leaving earth 31 Astronomer lacks nothing a sort of thistie needs

33 Potpourri de Gaulle suffers loss from leakage

35 Trim back deans in some intimate places 37 I don't follow a distressed penguin

38 Empire state way over

42 Might be electric intensity, in whole or in part

44 The onset of spasmodic lateral movement for miners

#### Solution and notes for 3433 Four Halves by Piccadilly

Top half: P=3, R=2, I=5, M=13, E=7, S=11 Bottom half: P=7, R=13, I=2, M=11, E=3, S=5 Left half: P-2, R-11, 1-13, M-3, E-5, S-7 Right half: P=13, R=5, I=11, M=7, E=2, S=3 Number bases: columns from left to right: 7, 4, 8, 11. 2, 9, 10, 3, 5, 6 Rows from top to bottom: 2, 5, 9, 11, 6, 3, 10, 8, 4, 7

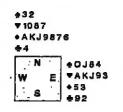
The winner is D.A. Reid of Dorking, Surrey. The runners up are Sheila M. Perkins of Rushden, Northamptonshire; Stewart Fowlie of Edinburgh; Pam Kellett of Pewsey, Wiltshire; S.E. Lewis of Knutsford, Cheshire; Terry Wills of West Chiltington, Sussex. ● In the solution to 3432 published last week, 13 across

should have read BNETUM and 40 down should have read KELTIC

#### BRIDGE

#### by Robert Sheehan

THE Italians have won the last two Open European Championships, a round robin event consisting of 25 or so short matches, but they do not seem to do so well in long matches. They qualified for the knockout phase of the 1996 Olympiad and the 1997 Bermuda Bowl, but in each · . N **♦K 107 ♥**0652 case were immediately eliminated. + Q 104 Their match against Norway in the Bermuda Bowl quarter-final went down to the last few boards, with Norway just emerging victorious. On the last board Italy managed a ¥4 • 2 **∌**AKQJ1085 great coup. but it was not quite enough. Try the hand as a defensive problem. You are East.



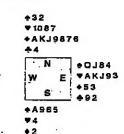
This is the auction: 1 H Pass Pass 5 D Contract: Six Clubs by South Lead: the two of hearts.

Dir West East-West game IMPs

You take the first trick with the king of hearts, declarer following with the four. What do you play now?

Versace, sitting East for the Italians, could tell that his partner must have four hearts for his preemptive raise. So a second heart would not stand up. The question was therefore whether to play his partner for the ace of spades, or for three diamonds. He eventually he got it right, by returning a diamond into the jaws of dummy's suit.

This was the full deal:



The effect of the diamond return was to remove the only entry to dummy. On the play of any other card the declarer (Helgemo, the world individual champion) would have been home. He wins the return, draws trumps and then finesses the jack of diamonds to make the extra tricks he needs for his contract. As it was, the best Helgemo could do was to cash his ten tricks, and go two down.

There are a couple of points in the bidding. First, notice that North passed on the first round of the auction. That was because his hand was too strong for a pre-empt in the modern style. Second, Helgemo's double of East's One Heart opening would not be every expert's choice - often it works better on this sort of hand to bid your long suit first and hope to get your second suit in

Certainly. Double was the bid that propelled the partnership into the wrong spot. Five Diamonds might have made, even on the best defence of the lead of two rounds of hearts.

● The Times Book of Bridge I, hy Robert Sheehan, is available from bookshops, or from Batsfords (01376 321276) at £6.99 plus £1 p&p.

#### WORD ANSWERS

#### CASEMATE

(b) A vaulted defence chamber built in the rampart of a fortress.

(b) In Alaska and adjacent regions, a portable canoe for one or more people, a type of kayak.

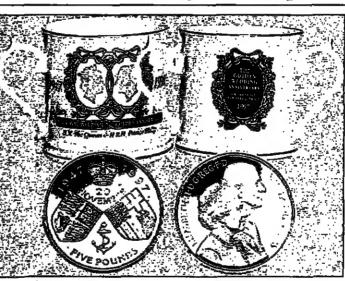
BANDURA (b) A lutelike instrument. The folk instrument of the Ukraine.

BIEDERMEIER

(a) Applied attributively to the period between 1815 and 1848 in Germany and to styles, furnishings, etc. Answers from page 36

#### **COMPUTER GAMES** AND PASTIMES

#### by Tim Wapshott



Souvenir site: coins and cups commemorate the golden wedding

In its way this page could really be called 14 Things You Never Knew About The Queen, including why she has core as pets. "This is a continuation of a long family tradition begun by her father. King George VI, who kept several corgis. Corgis have since become the symbol of the present Royal Family," we are told.

The site also answers ouestions with a succinct charm, including the royal line of succession (viz. Charles, William, Henry, Andrew, Beatrice, Eugenie, Edward and

Although unofficial, this page also has a hot link to the official British Monarchy Web site (http://www.royal.gov.uk/), where

the anniversary appears to be passing without fanfare. ANOTHER Web site, (http://

www.unicover.com/ea2caapu. htm) starts optimistically enough: "Fifty years ago, on November 20, Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten were married at Westminster Abbey. The elaborate ceremony was a welcome event, bringing cheer to war-torn Britain and capturing the attention of the entire world."

Then follows the reason for the site. "This year the royal couple's golden wedding anniversary is being honoured with a beautiful commemorative coin. Minted in solid cupronickel by the British Royal Mint, the brilliant uncirculated £5 coin captures the Queen and her husband side by side in handsome profile." The coin comes in a presentation

folder, with a souvenir booklet and at \$29 is, we are advised, "a majestic acquisition". Anniversary merchandising crops up on another site, that of Lincoln's Niche Solutions (http://www.4thwall. com/kate/pages/niche.html). On offer here is a 9cm-high bone china commemorative cup made in Stoke, Berkshire, decorated in blue,

gold and "for that finishing touch. each cup is richly hand-embel-lished with 22 carat gold". This runneth over at £12.95 a time.

If you access this column through the Internet edition of The Times (http://www.the-times.co. uk), hot links whisk you directly to all Web sites mentioned

AND congratulations to our winners of Cyberspace Thirty Seven. each of whom scoops 100 minor games on 25 budget CD-Roms from Prism Leisure. They are: John Davenport from Tyldesley, Man-chester, Nicola Gebbels from Kenilworth, Warwickshire, and R. Elliott from Newcastle upon Tyne.

#### **TWO BRAINS** ANSWERS

From page 36 Question I: Baikal is a lake, Rhine.

Seine, Thames, Nile and Tigris are Question 2: Polyphemus is the

#### one-eyed cyclops, Sleipnir was the eight-legged horse of Wotan, Shelob is the eight-legged spider in Lord of the Rings, the Kraken is a ten-tentacled squid and Briareos had 100 arms.

#### **NEW SOFTWARE**

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The latest Lego spin-off is the first Lego CD-Rom title for the PC. Adventures on Lego Island. However, it is wildly unplayable and quickly serves up trowelfulls of shortcomings. Aimed at children aged six to 12, they explore the island on a variety of craft, from skateboards to jetskis, and encoun-

ter 50 colourful characters.

voice characterisations.

There is no predetermined order of events so users initially explore the title to discover "treats" for themselves. If a challenge is really wanted, they can also set out to stop baddie Brickster from taking apart helicopter and, later, the entire island. The game should run smoothly on any decent Pentium machine but on a medium spec PC the graphics delivered are jerky, uninspiring and bland, as are the

Shortly after its launch, the Lego company adopted the motto: "Only the best is good enough". By that yardstick, this Lego CD-Rom fails to measure up. Verdict: 4 out of 10. Dull adventures in Legoland. £29.99.

SOME packages for manipulating digital images can be complicated at sidizzogani and impossible to master. Microsoft's Picture III keeps things simple, although underneath the easy-to-use bonnet are

some sophisticated imaging tools.



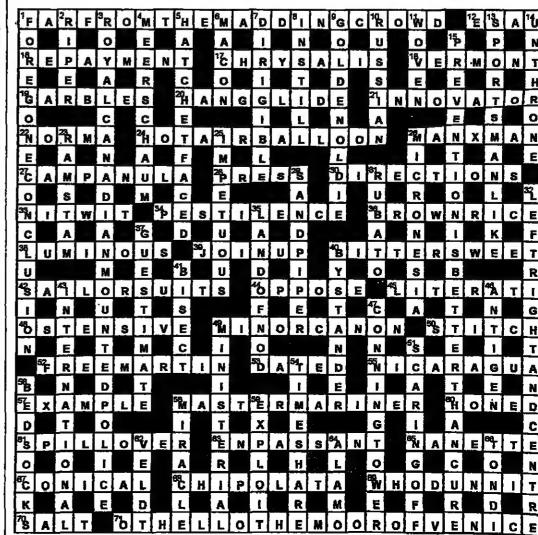
Disappointing: Lego Island

Just released is version 2.0 of the Windows 95 CD-Rom. This includes a decent library of colour stock shots but nothing beats fiddling with your own images Pictures can be imported — and later exported — in practically any format (jpeg, bitmap, etc) then improved or distorted according to your mood. Rectifying red eye is easy and adjustments such as tint, brightness and contrast can be tweaked automatically or manually. Images can be sharpened or blurred, the latter being great for disguising bags under, and crow's feet around, the eyes. You may also crop and rotate pictures and take autouts using straightforward tracing techniques. Images can even be stretched for

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imaging made easy for all the family — at a price, £49.99.

#### SOLUTION TO JUMBO CROSSWORD 134



The winner of an Alfred Dunhill AD2000, worth £125, is Alex J.R. Makenzie, of St Andrews, Fife

## abcdefgh Coventry.

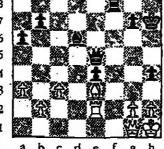
By Raymond Keene Chess Correspondent

ment threw in the towel.

Black to play. This position is from the game Demidenko - Blauert. Budapest 1997. White's king is very constricted and the black forces are well centralised. How did Black make

the most of his chances? The first correct answer drawn on Thursday will win a year's subscription to the Staunton Society. Send responses to Winning Move, The Times Weekend, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN. The answer will be published next Solution to last week's competition:

Solution:



Last' week's winner was V.Ghaiwal, Whitmore Park.

the Internet.

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The following was the final pos-tion from the game Onischuk-Swidler, Tilburg 1997, published in

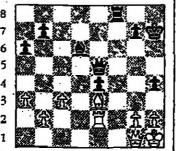
The solution as given was as follows: I ... Ng4! 2 Qg3 (2 Rxe7 Nf2+ wins the queen) 2 ... Nf2+ and Black wins.

E. Dilley of Hereford points out, quite rightly, that after 1 ... Ng4 2 Rxe7 although 2 ... Nf2+ wins the white queen, a more incisive finish is 2 ... Qdl+ which forces mate.

The Times on October 16. Peter Swidler is the new young star of Russian chess. He shot to fame on the international scene by sharing first prize at the important Tilburg competition in Holland, defeating Garry Kasparov in the process. In this finish from one of

P. Young of Dover cleverly indi-cates an alternative finish for White after 1 Rxf6! gxf6 2 Qg3+ Kf7 3 Qg7+ Ke6 with 4 Qe7+ Kxf5 5 g4+ and the his games, some readers were nuzzled as to why Swidler's oppo

> WINNING MOVE 1 Qxh5+



BUT ONE STAR GROUP IS ANATHEMA-

AND MUST BE ELIMINATED

#### **MODERN MANNERS**

#### by John Morgan

Send your queries to Morgan's Modern Manners, The Times, Weekend I Pennington Street, London El 9XN

When stuck with a twerp at a no social precedence over those party who is trying to impress by dropping names, is it better to risk seeming competitive by stating straight away that one knows the people in question well. or should one just smile and say nothing? This can be embarrassing, if the degree of friendship is later disclosed. - Mary Jane Holley, Sussex.

Name-dropping is done by the socially insecure in the sad belief that it impresses. In most cases it is best ignored, as little deflates the name dropper more than indifference. However, in cases you describe it is kind to hint gently that you know the person

My daughter will soon cele-brate her seventh birthday. If we invite her classmates, friends outside school and family to a party it adds up to numbers we have neither space nor wish to entertain. What can we do to save face with the other

mothers and give our little girl a treat? -AFM, London, SW4. Maybe it's tune for a change from Maybe it's time the traditional children's party. By seven children have often tired of jellies and party hats and have developed their own close friends. So how about suggesting a really special birthday outing for her closest chums? The other

mothers will ouite understand that it is not feasible to include an army of children on such a scheme.

On being introduced to a lady, should a gentleman extend his hand for a handsbake? I have always thought it tactful to shake hands only if the lady proffers her hand first. What hould a gentleman do, however. if introduced to several men and women? Could you also please clarify the correct etiquette to follow when making introductions? Is the lady introduced to the gentlemen, or is it vice-versa? What if one is older than the other, or of a higher social standing? — Kevin M Ryan, Belper, Derbyshire.

A The conventions around hand-shaking have changed. At one time it was good form for a man to wait until the female paw was proffered: not to do so was considered poor form and pushy. Although this is still the case when meeting women of the older generation, it is now usual for men to offer their hand straight away regardless of the other person's sex. wnen making untroductions the general guide is that men are presented to women (unless the girl is very young and the man old and distinguished), juniors to seniors, and single women to married ones. People with titles, unless royal, take

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A male friend (platonic) invited me to go to a party with him. The day before the party he rang to cancel, saying something had come up. I heard from friends a couple of days later that he actually did go to that party and had taken another woman. As he and I are just good friends. I'm not at all bothered that he wanted to spend time with a woman who might be of serious date potential, but I am offended that he lied to me. When is it all right to un-invite How does one do it tactfully? -Anne Fousse, London SEI.

Never, unless there is a A seriously acceptable reason that can honestly and legitimately be explained to the cancellee without causing offence, such as: "I am terribly sorry, but I had completely forgotten that I had already promised to take my mother-in-law", or in the case of a corpo-

rate gathering: "My boss has twisted my arm to escort the wife of an important client who is in town." in such cases, the

person who has gracefully acquiesced to being disinvited needs to be rewarded with an alternative enticing date sooner rather

Is the son of a life peer "Rt. Hoa" in his father's lifetime only? - Marion Davis, London WI.

A a "Rt. Hon", unless he is a member of the Privy Council. He is correctly styled as "Hon" and this holds for the rest of his life.

My daughter is getting mar-ried in early December. Although it is going to be an informal affair, I am very nervous at the prospect. My problem is what part do I play? If I have to give a speech or a toast what do I say? I have no idea how to go about it. - Roy Forster, Stockport, Cheshire. The role of the father of the

A bride can often be summarised in three words: to welcome, thank and introduce. If you are a host, your name should appear on the invitation and you should greet guests; if not you should still circulate and chat to everybody present. Although not traditional, the custom of the bride's father making a speech is increasingly popular, and you might like to say a few words that will introduce the bride to the groom's side. This speech should also include thanks to the guests for coming and conclude with a toast to the bride and groom.

o/GQ.



#### WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard CASEMATE

. Defence counsel b. A defence structure c. Defence at chess

a. An auctioneer's gavel b. A canoe c. Photographic light filter

BANDURA a. A cigar

b. A musical instrument The son of a life peer is never c. A wrap-around

BIEDERMEIER 2. A style of furniture

 b. A dangerous dog c. Tables for two

Answers on page 35

"The 21st century will be dominated by in games will become a very important aspect of wealth creation in the future."

- Keith Bradley, Professor of International Management, Director of Business Research, the Open University

Ouestion 1:2 Which is the odd one out? Klabai, Hiner, Isene, Mathes, Line,

Match the following names and numbers: Sleipnir, Braireos,

Answers on page 35.

#### TWO BRAINS

**Business School** 

Shelob, the Kraken 100, 8, 1, 10, 8

RAYMOND KEENE Lareggub under Milk Wood.

Question 2:

#### **CROSS WORDS**

#### by Brian Greer Enough history, this is an anatomy lesson. Except in the

DESTROY!

Destroy!

he precise origins of the great art (Ars Magna) of forming anagrams are not known but go back at least as far as the Greeks. Throughout subsequent history anagrams of names have been used as means of flattery and denigration, as pseudonyms - and simply for amusement. Can you infer, for example, which author used the nom de plume "Alcofribas Nasier", and which poet was praised as "greatest born idealist? Samuel Butler's "Erewhon" is an anagram of "nowhere" and Dylan Thomas used an anagram in the original Greek sense (from ana - back and gramma = letter)

case of an "& Lit" type, an anagram due should consist of a definition (at the beginning or the end), the letters to be rearranged, and an indicator to that effect. Such indicators include words and phrases indicating the letters are rearranged, drunk or disorderly, excited or crazy. Nouns such as "disaster" play this role, a practice not universally accepted in the crossword world. Ideally, all components of the clue should fit naturally together to suggest a consistent and plausible scenario. After 70 years of cryptic puz-

zles, it is rare to discover a new anagram (did you know that

World Cup match is an anagram of talcum powder?) but with ingenuity it is still possible to be innovative. "Risk a wet tumble (5-3)" and "Odd if no males could be found here (4,2.3)" are examples of the & Lit genre. Occasionally it is possible to perpetrate a double anagram as "We hate what repeatedly ruins this crop (5)". Another variation is alternative ana-grams as in "Perversely start nine or ten trains passing (9)" and "Permit Oslo or Rome to slip badly as city". One final twist: "A rep given two orders means to come back (8)".

Answers to last week's clues: POUND, SWISS ROLL, PEA-SHOOTER, NEPOTTSM, ELOPE

#### PICTURE LINE

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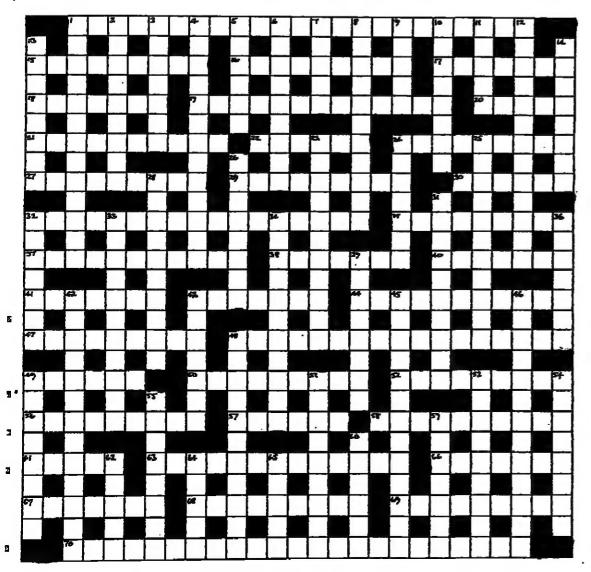
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ACROSS

 Friar Tuck, maybe, sees second person warning about lack of privacy (3.7,2,8,3) 15 Playwright Williams in a state (9) 16 Academic Italian, always one to

make excessive money (9) 17 Boy that's imprisoned did wrong -one in a cave (7) 18 Weish town house facing north in

road with fifties style of thatch (7) 19A \*Novel lads that have got paired off? (4.3,6) 20 Some admire Russia, returning

more confident (5) 21 Like an old school that could make me learn yet (10)

 Exclamation of disgust with street having a carnival (6) 24 Annoying fool that's rushing around (9)

27 Perhaps star in location for ravers in the small hours? (9) 29 A device for holding stock down

30 Choose the French marinade (6) 32 Terrors we face - heat, possibly? One ought to know (7,10) 35 Eccentric people damage

kitchenware (9)

37 Dine out with writer - hollow nan? (11) 38 Live with firm's normal procedure? (7)

40 Pester editor in foreign port (7) 41 Tribal child and dad face car with nothing to hide (7)

43 Roman emperor deceived by king — single man, not married (7) 44 One fired for wrong question to suspicious-looking stranger (7,2 47 What's sailor man wearing? (9)

48 Most important item scuppered indiscreet escapee (5,2,10) 49 A little walk - exercise, that's plain (6) 50 Grope curiously in bundle -

some things one wouldn't touch! 52 Blows most effective when the sun shines? (9)

56 Loathing of French exams? (9) 57 Tiny part of the enemy? (6) 58 After part of New York, settle in a distant state (10) 61 Reprimand son, getting chilly (5)

63 Team's ruin then written about as absorbing feature in the paper 66 Passes English, then falls to maintain standard (7)

67 Notice one model becoming fatty" (7) 68 One close to home showing

determination (2.7) 69 Indian warrior hides in Western good idea! (9) 70 Brothers who were rattled one

way or the other (10.3.10)

I Old lady in street with a lot of bread? (4.2.7)

2 Most keen new side received in

welcome (9) 3 Once more begin showing skill after the break (7) 4 Tear around with certain floating

indicate? (8,5) 5 No longer criticised when speaking, become more genial (6) 6 Is nothing good about old

voter - what will cross on paper

language being analytic? (9) 7 Curious dam built across River Dec (5) 8 A morally principled person

completely lacking in spirit (11) 9 Junk seen in the bay? (5) 10 Number reaching a hot island, a refuge for couples (5,3)

11 Butler coming out with many dramatic lines (5) 12 Fluid discovered in forest shrubs creates a drama (5,4,4)

13 Fish one guts somehow, getting right inside (8) 14 Soldier turning up in foreign street after international plot (8)

23 Rob is brusque before transformation (5-6) 24 Hard fruit, not soft vegetable (7). 25 Stay inside, disease being

persistent (8.3) 26 Referred item in classified section so paper's boss (8) 28 Liberationists around Ireland stirred up author (11)

32 A dog and two cats? (7) 33 Fish in river within stylish university site (11) 34 A man — he cried out like the one who did in his bath (11)

31 A blooming great town? (6.4)

36 Not all compliments in ceremony may be genuine (7) 39 American friend going round loud social event gets hit (8) 42 Fit not precise somehow? I must have things exactly right (13)

43 Accessory that's compact inside? (7) 45 Mined hauxite's nil, eh? Supply of ore may not be this (13) 46 Keen Wigan fans, when unruly. must be brought to book (9,4)

48 Describing motel in the case? (11)

49 Strange madness restricting one church official (8) 51 Improving immediately after those people finish (2.3.4)

53 Behaved like 8, having retired without blemish (9) 54 Bypass that is to be closed in September (8)

55 Bit of willow, apparently affected by heat. shrivelled up (8) 59 Ditched in English dance, once you stare (7) 60 Give the most convincing yell of

62 Queen has managed without her essential mate (5) 64 What sounds tike a month's crop

65 Girl not quite free of emotional

#### No 1252 DOWN

Thermonuclear weapon (1-4)

Measure (sea) depth; valid

12 Short-tempered; poor-quali-ty (LP) (8)

Fame, as entertainer (7)

16 Loathing (6) 18 Very pale (shocked face) (5)

20 Verge (poet.); butter substi-

Uncertain-parentage dog (7)

Play boisterously (4)

Upper House (6

Slaughter (8)

Convent (7)

Piled neatly (7)

tute (5)
21 Restless desire (4)

ACROSS 1 Odyssey author (5) Ulysses - Grant Wallis -8 Decorations (9)

9 Tea-brewing vessel (3) 10 Consume by fire (4) 11 Have one leg either side of

13 Comfort in distress (6) 14 Tough outside (as bread) (6) 17 Seaweed gelatin (4-1) 19 Placid (4) 22 First note of scale, sounds

like flour/water (3) 23 Janitor, interim (office holder) (9)

24 Rich (7) 25 Boundary of shrubs (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 1251 ACROSS: 8 Aquaria 9 Essex 10 Cutthroat 11 Ali 12 Swarm 14 Treadle 15 Almanae 17 Juror 19 Con 20 Reluctant 22 Inset 23 Ice cube

DOWN: 1 Caucus 2 Hurt 3 Archimandrite 4 Ragout 5 Leather/jacket 6 Islander 7 Expire 13 Admonish 15 Arctic 16 Calais 18 Rather 21 Ague

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